

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

137TH ANNUAL SESSION



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WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

Mount Vernon, WA

June 23-27, 2026

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OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, STAFF & LEADERSHIP OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

2025-2026 OFFICERS

President	Tom Gwin	Gatekeeper	Jarrold Gardner
V. President	Rusty Hunt (Jacquie)	Ceres	Pam Mathews
Lecturer	Claudine Mincks (Dean)	Pomona	Jordanne Beck (Justin)
Steward	Tom Cullen	Flora	Jennifer Oliver (Marvin)
Asst. Steward	Jonny Pittman (Brittney)	Exec Committee	Rick Ferguson (Terry)
Lady Asst Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Exec Committee	Brittney Pittman (Jonny)
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem (Kent)	Exec Committee	David Bryant (Mary)
Treasurer	Denise McCartan (Sean)	Family Living	Debbie Fisch (Mark)
Secretary	Isabella Lierman		

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2025-2026 DEPUTIES

Janice Anderson	Jim Lyle	Lucy Vest
Toni Blanchard	Darell Myers	Sara Wade
Steve Dalton	Butch Ogden (Florence)	Jennifer Webb
Karen Derrey	Rex Ogden (Phyllis)	Russell Weston (Bekki)
Rick Ferguson (Terry)	George Penner (Wilma)	Andrea Wilbur (Lloyd)
Janelle Lierman (David)	Donna Russell	Diane Williams

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State Lecturer – Claudine Mincks
Steve Dalton
Jacquie Hunt
Anita Mastin
Erin Stelljis

FAMILY LIVING TEAM

State Director – Debbie Fisch
Pam Bright
Vicki Gilmour
Vicki Loomer (Jim)
Florence Ogden (Butch)

JUNIOR GRANGE TEAM

State Directors – Jacob & Tessa Gwin

YOUTH TEAM

State Director – Jerry Gwin
Rick & Terry Ferguson
Brittany Gordon
Melissa Kudsk

COMMUNITY SERVICE TEAM

State Director – Leslie Wells

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY

COMMITTEE

Chair – Carolyn Hojem
Rex Ogden
Rodger Lance
Carolyn Hojem
Russ Weston
Todd Scholz

DELEGATES TO THE 137th ANNUAL SESSION

POMONA DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1 – Clark	Janice Anderson & Mike Gilmour
2 – Whitman	James Lyle & Amanda Brozana
3 – Lewis	Ed & Marilyn Armit
4 – Spokane	Susan Hegney
6 – Whatcom	Scott Hackett & Shelley Macy
7 – Cowlitz	Rex & Phyllis Ogden
8 – Thurston	Mary Brouillard
10 – Skagit	Debbie Riegel-Yates & Steve Yates
11 – Yakima Valley	Tom Cullen & Glenda Tjarnberg
12 – Snohomish	Isabella Lierman & Sheyenne Koen
13 – King	Bob McLean
16 – Pierce	Jarrold Gardner & Andrea Wilbur
20 – Mason	Michael Parker
21 – Kitsap	Toni Blanchard
23 – Chelan	Andrya Dodson
28 – Grays Harbor/Pacific	Lucy Vest & Jerry Gwin
29 – Pend Oreille	Sherry Cummins
37 – Excelsior	Juanita Curnutt
49 – Douglas	Rusty & Jacquie Hunt
50 – Island	Roland Prochaska & Chuck Prochaska
56 – Columbia	Terry Ferguson

SUBORDINATE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

1 – Waitsburg	Rick Ferguson
49 – Goldendale	Jim Ogden
81 – Centerville	Sara Wade
82 – Washington	Rodger Lance & Ruth Anne Lance

87 – Columbia
 114 – Whelan-Ewartsville
 115 – Pine Grove
 129 – Sunnyside
 136 – Kellogg Marsh
 163 – Brighton Park
 169 – Haynie
 198 – Newaukum
 199 – Catlin
 201 – North Bellingham
 226 – Rome
 250 – South Bay
 265 – Meridian
 276 – Marion
 284 – Tualco
 286 – Sammamish Valley
 300 – Green Bluff
 306 – Cedar Valley
 315 – Prosperity
 322 – Happy Valley
 355 – Mossyrock
 357 – Matlock
 385 – Bee Hive
 399 – Ten Mile
 452 – Williams Valley
 545 – Fredonia
 581 – Issaquah Valley
 586 – Terrace Heights
 590 – Greenwood Park
 608 – Selah Heights
 +20 – Skagit Valley
 646 – Dry Creek
 667 – Long Beach
 690 – South Lake Stevens x
 702 – Roy
 730 – Humptulips
 774 – Olympic View
 780 – Inland
 782 – Elk Plain
 786 – East Hill
 815 – Rexville
 819 – Chumstick
 832 – Saint Andrews
 836 – Buena
 846 – Deer Lagoon
 848 – McMillin
 853 – Fargher Lake
 860 – South Union
 861 – Black Lake
 866 – Fern Prairie
 893 – Collins
 905 – Five Mile Prairie
 909 – Spring Hill
 926 – Samish Valley

Claudine Mincks
 James Colwell & Aari Colwell
 Scott Lyle
 Helen Berg & Dustin Ogden
 David & Dianne George
 Diane Williams
 Cindy Kudsk & Alexis Kudsk
 Kent Hojem & Carolyn Hojem
 Butch Ogden
 Russel Weston & Bekki Weston
 Andy Snow & Dennis Rensink
 Sandra Mode
 Rod Alex & Matthew Richard
 Kelle Pollard & Kirby Pollard
 Marg Ohlsen & Leslie Wells
 Tom Quigley
 Jim Lahde & Janice Lahde
 Robert Reichle & Charlotte Wixon
 Heather Senn
 Duane & Joanne Isackson
 Darell Myers & Paulette James
 Syn Omega & Jeff Prowse
 Debbie Fisch & Mark Fisch
 Peter Hauck & Oren Gaskill
 Donna Russell
 Jill Michels
 Alan & JoAnn Anderson
 Pam Bright & Sue Branch
 Daniel Baker
 Bob & Jane Hutchison
 Dennis Hall
 Cindy Kelly
 Bernie Games
 James & Vicki Loomer
 Betty Garrison & Jeff Oxborough
 Jacob/Tessa Gwin & Davona Gwin
 Judy Heath & Kendal Harner
 Lois Cummins
 Mary & David Bryant
 Rosie Knott & Maggie Bradly
 Mary Celia
 Ed Potter & Michelle Kocher
 Owen Jorgensen
 Karen Derrey & Janna Hagarty
 Tony Gill & Linda Gil
 Steve Hall & John Gardner
 Michael & Debra Kadow
 Christie Vintilo & Pam Mathews
 Denise McCartan & Shawn Donnelly
 Kirk & Jodi VanGelder
 Jennifer & Marvin Oliver
 Duane & Christine Hamp
 Mitch Clouse & Bob Clouse
 Sue Palmer & Sherri Lewellen

SUBORDINATE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE CONTINUED

930 – South Camano	Mike Nestor & Larry Carlstrom
938 – Columbia Valley	Laura Lyle
941 – Rimrock	Jennifer Webb
943 – Ralston	Jordanne Beck
965 – Horseshoe	Janelle Lierman & Steve Dalton
966 – San Juan Island	Allison Longley
996 – Violet Prairie	Sophia Keller
999 – Fruitland	Cheryl, Saiz & Cathy Warren
1004 – North & South Palouse	Greg Jones
1047 – Riverside Valley	Anita Mastin
1056 – Stillaguamish	Steve Ricarte & Carrie Paulson
1069 – Molson	George & Wilma Penner
1086 – Logan Hill	Fred Harnishfeger
1108 – Sequim Prairie	Steven & Ann Johnson
1111 – Waller Road	Sheila Wynn & Mike Smith
1123 – Crescent	Ron Frisch & Thomas Clark
1151 – Moses Lake	Jonathan & Brittney Pittman

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE 137th ANNUAL SESSION

SKAGIT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON
JUNE 24-27, 2026

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
Pre-Convention Activities

8:00am-6:00pm	Contest Entry Check-In – Lecturer and Family Living, Departments	Building D
9:00am	State Officer Practice (closed activity)	Pavilion
9:00am-5:00pm	Delegate Registration Open	Building B
9:00am-5:00pm	Non-Delegate Registration	Building B
	Fifth & Sixth Degree Ticket Sales, Meal Ticket Pickup	
10:00am	Workshop – 2026 Legislative Wrap Up - Jesse Taylor	Building G
10:00am	Credentials Committee Meeting	Building B
10:30am	Elections Committee Meeting	Building B
11:00am	Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting	Building B
11:00am	Workshop – The Right Fight: Rethinking Conflict	Building G
	Rusty Hunt	
12:00pm	Workshop – Fund Raising and Sponsorships - Jesse Taylor	Building G
1:00pm	Workshop – Changing Our Mental & Emotional Trajectory	Building G
	Cheryl Reese – WSU Extension-Yakima County	
2:00pm-5:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Youth and Junior Departments	Building C
2:00pm-5:00pm	Membership Promotional Item Contest Check-In	Building B
2:00pm-5:00pm	Community Service Donation Drop Off	Building B

2:00pm-5:00pm	Turn in Youth Raffle Tickets and Keep Washington Warm Donations	Building B
3:00pm	Workshop – Ag in the Classroom	
	Judy Hossner, Ag in the Classroom Board of Directors	Building G
3:00pm	Deputies Meeting	Pavilion
4:00pm	Delegate Orientation	Pavilion
7:00pm	Grange Flag Presentation Contest	Pavilion

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
Western Attire Day

8:00am-5:00pm	Delegate Registration Open	Building B
8:00am-5:00pm	Non-Delegate Registration	Building B
	-Fifth & Sixth-Degree Ticket Sales, Meal Ticket Pick Up	
8:00am-12:00pm	Contest Entry Check-In – Lecturer and Family Living Dept.	Building D
8:00am-12:00pm	Membership Promotional Item Contest Check-In	Building B
8:00am-12:00pm	Contest Entry Check In – Youth and Junior Departments	Building C
8:30am	Opening of the State Grange Session in the Sixth Degree	Pavilion
	Credentials Report	
	Adoption of Convention Schedule	
9:00am	Youth Group Meeting – Get Acquainted Activities	Building C
9:00am-5:00pm	Turn in Youth Raffle Tickets and Keep Washington Warm Donations	Building B
11:00am	Youth Group Meeting – Election of Youth Officers	Building C
12:00pm	Lunch Break	
12:30pm	Workshop – Transforming SMART Goals into Achievable Actions - Jonny & Brittney Pittman	Building G
1:00pm	Youth Meeting – Install Youth Officers/ Officer Practice	Building C
2:00pm	Memorial Service, followed by a short break	Pavilion
	Reconvene Business Session in Fourth Degree	
3:00pm	Youth Meeting – Officers Practice	Building C
5:00pm	Close Session in the 4 th degree	
5:15pm	Convention Group Photo	Location TBA
7:30pm	Grange Family Line Dancing	Building A

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
Red-White-Blue – Patriotic Day

8:00am-5:00pm	Delegate Registration Open	Building B
8:00am-6:00pm	Non-Delegate Registration	Building B
8:30am	Session Opens	Pavilion
	-Credential Report	
	-Master/President Address	
	-Committee Reports and Action	
8:30am	Youth Group Meeting and Drill Practice	Building C
9:00am	Speaker – State Senator Ron Muzzall, 10 th Legislative District	Pavilion
9:00am-11:30am	Junior Activity	Building C
9:00am-6:00pm	Lecturer and Family Living Displays Open	Building D
9:00am-6:00pm	Youth and Junior Displays Open	Building C
12:00pm	Session Recess – Lunch	

12:00pm	Family Living Luncheon -Family Living Department Award Presentations	Building D
12:30pm	Workshop – 2027 Capital Budget Applications for Hall Improvements – Jesse Taylor	Building G
1:00pm-3:00pm	Youth and Junior Activity – field trip to Tri Dee Arts	Building C
2:00pm	Session Reconvenes -Committee Reports	Pavilion
5:30pm	Session Closes in the 4 th Degree	
6:00pm	Picnic BBQ, hosted by State Officers (tickets required) Followed by department live auction	Building D

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
Junior Grange Red Tennis Shoe Day and Grange Attire

8:00am-12:00pm	Delegate Registration Open Will move to the Progress Room at 12:00 pm	Building B
8:00am-6:00pm	Non-Delegate Registration Open	Building B
8:30am	Session Opens in the Fourth-Degree -Credential Report, Committee Reports and Action -Election of Officers	Pavilion
8:30am	Youth Group Meeting and Drill Practice	Building C
9:00am-6:00pm	Lecturer and Family Living Displays Open	Building D
9:00am-6:00pm	Youth and Junior Displays Open	Building C
9:00am-11:30am	Junior Activity	Building C
10:45pm	Quilts of Valor Presentation	Pavilion
11:30am	Junior Grange Ice Cream Social (until gone)	TBA
12:00pm	Session Recesses – lunch	
1:30pm	Youth and Junior Public Speaking Contests	Building C
2:00pm	Session Reconvenes -Committee Reports and Action	Pavilion
2:00pm-4:00pm	Junior Grange Activity	Building C
5:30pm	Session Closes in the 4 th Degree	
6:00pm	Celebration Banquet, followed by Award Presentations -Recognition of 100-Year Granges -Hall Improvement Contest Awards -State Grange Foundation Scholarship Awards -Community Service Awards -Lecturer Awards -Membership Awards	Building D

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
Tropical Saturday

8:00am-2:30pm	Registration (Non-Delegate) Open	Building B
8:30am	Youth Officers Open Session in the 4 th Degree -Youth and Junior Awards -Final Credentials Report -Committee Reports and Action	Pavilion
9:00am-12:00pm	Lecturer and Family Living Displays Open	Building D
9:00am-12:00pm	Youth and Junior Displays Open	Building C
9:00am-11:30am	Junior Activity	Building C

11:45am	Presentation of State Grange Leadership Award	Pavilion
12:00pm	Session Recesses – Lunch	
12:30pm	Silent Auctions Close – Youth, Junior, Lecturer, Family Living	
1:45pm	Exemplification of the Fifth Degree by Pierce County Pomona	Pavilion
2:00pm-4:00pm	Junior Grange Activity	Building C
2:00pm	Check Out Contest Entries	
2:30pm	Exemplification of the Sixth-Degree	Pavilion
4:00pm	Installation of Officers	Pavilion
4:30pm	Session Reconvenes	Pavilion
	-Invitation to 2027 State Session – Central District	
	-Any Unfinished Business	
5:30pm	Closing of the 137 th Annual Session in the Fourth Degree	

MINUTES OF THE 137TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

Wednesday June 24, 2026

The 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon, WA, opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 24th, with President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Credential Committee Report (First Partial)

As of 8:30 a.m. June 24th, 2026, we find 70 Subordinate Granges with 112 voting delegates and 19 Pomona Granges with 30 voting delegates, making a total of 142 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (First Partial), adopted.

The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree at 8:54 a.m.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Delegate Instructions as printed in the docket. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Standing Rules as printed in the docket. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Official Program of the 137th Annual Session. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Officers and Directors Reports as they appear in the Official Program. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the Executive Committee Minutes as they appear in the Official Program. Adopted.

It was moved and seconded to dispense with the daily reading of the minutes. Adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin recognized the following honored guests for some opening remarks:

- Christine Hamp, President of the National Grange, and husband, Duane Hamp, Past President of the Washington State Grange.
- Paul Hanks, California State Assistant Steward, and wife Susan Hanks, California State Treasurer.

Sister Christine Hamp shared her annual National President's remarks, encouraging Washington State Grangers to apply for the National Distinguished Grange program and invest in many other enriching programs. She celebrated the successes of the Washington State Grange and its individual members. She highlighted the importance of The People, Fun and Fellowship in the Grange.

Agriculture (Final):

Agriculture Standing Committee Report:

- Agricultural Education- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Agricultural Lands- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Dairy- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Food Standards- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin recognized the following representatives from the Skagit County Area, to present a few remarks:

- Joe Burns, Skagit County Commissioner
- Peter Donovan, Mayor of Mount Vernon
- Aric Gaither, Skagit County Fairgrounds Manager

Agriculture Standing Committee Report Continued:

- Pesticides- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Research and Science- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions

There were no resolutions referred to this committee.

The Agriculture Committee Report as whole, adopted.

The Assistant Stewards closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 9:50 a.m. for a morning break.

The Grange reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

National Legislative (Final)

National Legislative Standing Committee Report:

- Federal Government Operations- Committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to amend the committee report to strike lines 4-11, Section 2 of Federal Government Operations. The amendment failed. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution- 2026-02-1301-entitled "Tsunami Preparedness"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Discussion. Change "line 45" on line 8, to "line 46"by common consent. Change "neighboring" to read "other" on line 10 of the Committee Final Report, by common consent. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-09-1302- entitled "Net Neutrality"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-23-1303- entitled "The Right to Use Cash as Payment"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution as follows; on line 22 after US, strike "Treasury Notes" and insert "legal tender as payments without penalty or surcharge, subject only to convenience and safety as determined by appropriate authorities". Moved and seconded to refer the resolution back to committee. Motion carried.

State Legislative (Final)

State Legislative Standing Committee Report

- Firearms- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

- Juvenile Justice- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Land Use- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Miscellaneous- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Regulatory Reform- Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to amend the following; on line 27 strike “so that it” and insert “to”, on line 29 strike “s” from the word “lessens”, on line 29 strike the period at the end of the sentence and insert “; and”, on line 30 insert “prevent” after “b.”, and on line 30 strike “cannot” and insert “from” in its place. It was moved to refer this section back to the State Legislative committee. Motion died for lack of a second. Amendment adopted. It was moved and seconded to refer the section as amended back to committee. Motion and seconded to refer the section as amended back to the State Legislative committee, adopted.
- Telecommunications- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution- 2026-01-1401- entitled “Is This House Real?”- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-11-1402- entitled “Addressing Roadside Waste Through Infrastructure, Stewardship and Community Health”- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-17-1403- entitled “Duplication of Utility Infrastructure”- Committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-18-1404- entitled “Legislative Session Length”- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-19-1405- entitled “40 Hour Work Week”- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-20-1406- entitled “Homeless Non-Governmental Organizations”- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

The delegate body sang “Happy Birthday” to Sister Lois Cummins.

The Washington State Grange Foundation Door Prize Drawing was won by Oren Gaskill from Ten Mile Grange #399.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 11:35 a.m., for a lunch break, followed by the 2:00 p.m. 2026 Washington State Grange Memorial Service.

The Grange reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Credential Committee Report (Second Partial)

As of 3:00 p.m. June 24th, 2026, we find 72 Subordinate Granges with 116 voting delegates and 19 Pomona Granges with 30 voting delegates, making a total of 146 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (Second Partial), adopted.

State Legislative Standing Committee Report Continued:

- Regulatory Reform- Upon return from committee, committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

The State Legislative Report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Transportation (Final)

Transportation Standing Committee Report

- Rail- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

- Rest Areas- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Road Safety- Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and second to amend the committee report by striking 3 of the Road Safety Section from the legislative handbook in its entirety. The amendment was adopted. Committee report as amended was adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution- 2026-26-1601-entitled “Additional Requirements Needed on E-Bikes”- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Insert “A” after “RCW 46.16” on line 37 by common consent. Committee report adopted.

Recommendations to the Legislative Handbook

- Road Safety- Committee recommends striking section 3 from the Road Safety Section of the handbook in its entirety. Committee report is rejected.
- Marine Transportation- Committee recommends striking section 5 from the Marine Transportation section of the handbook in its entirety. Committee report adopted.
- Safety-General- Committee recommends striking section 2 from the Safety-General section of the handbook in its entirety. Committee report is adopted.

The Transportation Report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Health, Healthcare and Safety (Final)

Health, Healthcare and Safety Standing Committee Report:

- Opening Statement- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Food Safety and Sanitation- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Insurance- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report rejected.
- Public Health and Safety- Committee recommends adoption. It was moved and seconded to insert “and neglect” after “abuse” on line 27 of the committee report. The amendment was adopted. It has been moved and second to insert “,” after the word “for” and the word “of” on line 27. The amendment was adopted. The committee report as amended was adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution- 2026-15-1201- entitled “Universal Health Care”- Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion to substitute failed. Committee report adopted. It was moved and second to call for the previous question. Motion for previous question adopted. Committee report adopted.

The Health, Healthcare and Safety Report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

The Washington State Grange Foundation Door Prize Drawing was won by Darell Meyers from Mossyrock Grange #355.

The Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:32 pm.

Thursday June 25, 2026

The second day of the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon, WA, opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, June 25th, with President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Credential Committee Report (Third Partial)

As of 8:00 a.m. on Thursday June 25th, 2026, we find 75 Subordinate Granges with 121 voting delegates and 20 Pomona Granges with 31 voting delegates, making a total of 152 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (Third Partial), adopted.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy (Final)

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Standing Committee Report:

- Fuel Tax- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Miscellaneous Taxes- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Property Tax- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Tax Levies & Mandates- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Worthy President Tom Gwin welcomed State Senator Ron Muzzall from the 10th Legislative District.

Mr. Muzzall addressed the importance of being a responsible citizen and making smart choices. He commented on the importance of the Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health crisis in our state and efforts to address this in the legislature. He then gave time to answer questions from the delegate body on topics like road and bridge maintenance, healthcare programs, declines in public schools, and accountability in State campaign funding.

Entertainment provided by Jim Ogden, Washington State Grange Musician. He performed a number of different songs from Grange Ritual Work on the piano.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 10:22 a.m., for a break.

The Grange reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Worthy President Tom Gwin presented his 2026 External and Internal President's Address. Copies of the External President's Address and Internal President's Address were distributed.

The Washington State Grange Foundation Door Prize Drawing was won by Jennifer Webb from Rimrock Grange #941.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 12:10 p.m., for a lunch break.

The Grange reconvened at 2 p.m. The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Standing Committee Report Continued:

Resolutions

- Resolution- 2026-03-1501- entitled "Supporting Sales and Use Tax Relief on Farm"- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution- 2026-06-1502- entitled "Deduction for Contributions to 529 Plans"- Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion adopted. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution as follows; on line 15, after "purposes", insert "with withdrawals for educational purposes being treated the same as QCDs (Qualified Charitable Distributions)." It was moved and seconded to make an amendment to the amendment, to strike "the same" and replace it with "similar to". The amendment to the amendment was adopted. Division of the House. 51 delegates in favor. 50 delegates opposed. The amendment as amended was adopted. It was moved and seconded to amend the following, on line 14 after the word "Grange" insert "and the National Grange" and insert an "s" at the end of the word "support". Amendment adopted. Vote on the resolution as amended – Division of the House. 54 delegates in favor and 60 delegates opposed. The resolution as amended was rejected.
- Resolution- 2026-25-1503- entitled "Eliminate Personal Property Tax" - Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Taxation and Fiscal Policy Report as a whole, was adopted.

Grange Law (Final)

Good of the Order Standing Committee Report

- Recommendation #1- Committee recommends adoption. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #2- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #3- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #4- Committee recommends adoption. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #5- Committee recommends adoption. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #6- Committee recommends adoption. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #7- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee recommendation adopted.
- Recommendation #8- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee recommendation adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolutions 2026-08-1101- entitled "Pomona Grange Dues"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2026-12-1102- entitled "Retaining Grange Membership Years"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2026-14-1103- entitled "Composition of the Grange Executive Committee" - Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2026-21-1104- entitled "Pomona Master/President Elections"- Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Division of the house. 29 delegates in favor and 73 delegates opposed. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution 2026-22-1105- entitled "Subordinate Master/President Elections"- Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion failed. Committee report adopted.

It was moved and seconded that Article VIII section 7 and Article IX section 18 of the Bylaws be reviewed by the Good of the Order Standing Committee to clarify specifications at elections. Before "bylaws" insert "Washington State Grange" by common consent. Change "specifications" to "speakers" by common consent. Motion failed.

The Grange Law Report as a whole was adopted.

The Lecturer's program was provided by Jarrod Gardner of McMillin Grange #848, who read his winning entry in the creative writing contest. The entry was on a baking contest mishap.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 3:50 p.m., for a break. The Grange reconvened at 3:55 p.m.

National Legislative (Final)

Resolution

- Resolution-2026-23-1303- entitled "The Right to Use Cash as Payment"- Committee recommends the following amendment; strike lines 21-25 and insert the following; "Resolved, the National Grange and the Washington State Grange support legislation which requires all brick and mortar businesses be required to accept U.S. legal tender (cash) as payment without penalty or surcharge, subject to convenience,

practicality, and safety as determined by appropriate authority.” Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

The National Legislative Report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

Fish and Wildlife (Final)

Fish and Wildlife Standing Committee Report:

- Department of Fish and Wildlife- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- Predators- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- General Issues- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution 2026-12-0901- entitled “Predator Management”- Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded amend the following, on line 27 after “other” add “regardless of endangerment status”. Amendment failed. It was moved and seconded to refer the resolution back to committee. Motion failed. On line 27, add an “s” to the end of the word “specie” by common consent. Committee report adopted.

The Fish and Wildlife Report as a whole as amended was adopted.

The Washington State Grange Foundation Door Prize Drawing was won by Lois Cummins from Inland Grange #780 and David George from Kellogg Marsh Grange #136.

The Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 5:55 pm.

Friday June 26, 2026

The third day of the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon, WA, opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 26th, with President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

The delegate body sang Happy Birthday to Sister Alexis Kudsk, Washington State Lady Assistant Steward.

Credential Committee Report (Fourth Partial)

As of 8:00 a.m., on Friday, June 26th, 2026, we find 75 Subordinate Granges with 122 voting delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 33 voting delegates, making a total of 155 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (Fourth Partial), adopted.

Election of Officers: Nominations were opened for Executive Committee 3-Year. Nominees: Carolyn Hojem, Tom Cullen.

Education (Final)

Education Standing Committee Report

- Basic Education Funding- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.
- K-12 Education- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report rejected.
- School Safety & Standards- Committee recommends adoption.

Election Committee Report: Tom Cullen was elected Executive Committee 3-Year.

Education Committee (Final) – continued:

Resolutions

- Resolution-2026-16-0701- entitled “Elected School Board Directors Required to Pass Criminal Background Checks”- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Motion to amend the resolution on line 18, after “elected school board directors”, insert “and politicians who make decisions about education”. Motion ruled out of order. Committee report adopted.

The Education Committee Report as a whole, adopted.

Conservation and Ecology (Final)

Conservation and Ecology Standing Committee Report:

- Energy Rates- Committee recommends adoption. Committee report adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution- 2026-24-0301- entitled “Managing Forests for Ag Water Supply”- Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to strike “and be it further” from line 30-31 and strike lines 33-34. Amendment adopted. Resolution as amended, adopted.

The Conservation and Ecology Committee Report as a whole, as amended, adopted.

Election- Nominations were opened for Steward. Nominees: Jonny Pittman, Scott Hackett, Steve Hall.

Constitution and Bylaws (Final)

Proposed bylaws changes were read in at 9:54 a.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026. The changes must hold over for six hours before voting.

Election Committee Report- No election. Reballot for Steward between Jonny Pittman and Steve Hall.

Entertainment provided by James Colwell from Whelan Ewartsville Grange #114. He gave a presentation on how to take a quality, contest-level, photo with a smart phone.

Election Committee Report- Jonny Pittman was elected Steward.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 10:15 a.m., for a break.

The Grange reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

The Quilts of Valor presentation began at 10:45 a.m. Cindy Hoover, Quilts of Valor Representative and Chris Hamp, National Grange President, made some remarks, sharing how it is an honor to work with the Grange to honor veterans every year. The Quilts of Valor Foundation started in 2003 and they have since distributed 447,000+ Quilts of Valor to service members. The Washington State Grange, partnering with the Quilts of Valor Foundation, honored 8 service members with quilts. Those honorees are Charles Ashman (Roy Grange #702), Gary Brandt (Ten Mile Grange #399), Anthony Gill (Deer Lagoon Grange #846), Richard Hackett (Haynie Grange #169), Peter Hauck (Ten Mile Grange #399), Robin King (South Lake Stevens Grange #690), Michael Nestor (South Camano Grange #930), and David Rosenberry (Orcas Island Grange #964). The label of each quilt tells a story about the quilt, including who made it, the day it was given out, as well as the veteran’s name who received it. All veterans were thanked for their service with a standing ovation. The Grange was recessed at 11:30 a.m., for a lunch break.

The Grange reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present except Rick Ferguson, Executive Committee 1-Year, with Susan Hegney acting Pro tem.

Election- Nominations were opened for Assistant Steward. Nominees: Steve Dalton, Steve Hall, Scott Hackett, James Colwell, Brady Lierman, Jeff Prowse.

Sister Christine Hamp, National Grange President recognized the Miller Family and presented them with the Legacy Family Award for six generations of Grange membership. The family started membership in Newaukum Grange #198 in Lewis County and includes 90-year Grange member Irene Miller Tripp. Additional family members include Frank Miller (Past State Overseer), James Miller (longtime State Grange Deputy for Lewis County), Wayne Miller (past State Overseer and past National Junior Grange director), Codi Titus (past State Secretary), Jennifer Webb (current State Grange deputy for Southeast Washington), Miranda Panuska (past State Flora), and Jordanne Beck (current State Grange Pomona). Members of the family joined via Zoom from all over the State to celebrate this award.

Grange Activities (Final)

Resolutions

- Resolution-2026-04-1001- entitled "Financing State Grange"- Committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.

Credentials (Final)

As of 2:00 p.m., on Friday, June 26th, 2026, we find 75 Subordinate Granges with 123 voting delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 33 voting delegates, making a total of 156 voting delegates present, which constitutes a quorum. Credential Committee Report (Final), adopted.

The Credentials Committee Report as a whole, adopted.

Election Committee Report: No election. Reballot for Assistant Steward between Steve Dalton and Brady Lierman.

Grange Activities Resolutions continued

- Resolution-2026-05-1002- entitled "Wheelchair Ramps Required"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution as follows, on line 9, after "accessible" insert "if financially feasible". Amendment failed. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution-2026-13-1003- entitled "State Grange Convention Host Committee Report"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution-2026-27-1004- entitled "Locator Function added to State Program Handbook"- Committee recommends rejection. Committee report adopted.
- Resolution-2026-28-1005- entitled "Locator Function added to State Legislative Handbook"- Committee recommends rejection. It was moved and seconded to substitute the resolution for the committee report. It was moved and seconded to call for the previous question. Motion for previous question adopted. Motion to substitute adopted. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution as follows, on line 16 after "link" insert "and a subject search bar". Amendment failed. It was moved and seconded to amend the resolution to insert a resolved that reads, "be it further resolved, the Washington State Grange investigate the feasibility of splitting the State Grange Legislative Handbook into subject matter and/or criteria sections for posting onto the State Grange website". Amendment adopted. It was moved and seconded to adopt the resolution as amended. Division of the House. 79 delegates in favor and 37 delegates opposed. Resolution as amended, adopted.

Grange Activities Committee Recommendations:

- Recommendation #1- Committee recommends adoption. Committee recommendation rejected.
- Recommendation #2- Committee recommends adoption. Committee recommendation rejected. This recommendation was added to resolution 2026-28-1005, as a resolved and adopted. It is unnecessary to adopt it again.

The Grange Activities report as a whole, as amended, adopted.

Election committee report: Brady Lierman was elected Assistant Steward.

Entertainment was provided by Jim Ogden, Washington State Grange Musician. He provided a comedy act.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 3:27p.m., for a break.

The Grange reconvened at 3:52 p.m.

Audit (Final)

Resolutions

- Resolution-2026-07-0201- entitled "Department Quarterly Budget Statements"- Committee recommends adoption as amended. Committee report adopted.

Recommendations

- Recommendation- Committee recommends adoption. On line 13, "printed" was changed to "included" by common consent. Committee recommendation as amended adopted.

Acknowledgments

- Acknowledgement- Committee recommends adoption. Committee acknowledgment adopted.

No Action was taken on the Schedule of Functional Expenses and the Active Grange Property Funds Held in Trust

The Audit Committee report as a whole, adopted.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin, recognized Rusty Hunt, Chair of the Washington State Grange Foundation Fundraising Committee for some remarks. Rusty Hunt spoke on the formation of the Fundraising Committee and the plans of the Fundraising Committee for the upcoming year. One of the Fundraising efforts included hiring Best Bid Auction Company to help host a Fundraising Auction in Yakima, WA during the 2027 Washington State Grange convention session.

Election (Final)

Election of Officers was held in accordance with the bylaws, and the following were elected to serve the constitutional term:

Executive Committee, three-year term	Tom Cullen
Steward, unexpired one-year term	Jonny Pittman
Assistant Steward, unexpired one-year term	Brady Lierman

Election Committee report as a whole, adopted.

The Washington State Grange Foundation Door Prize Drawings were won by Leslie Wells from Tualco Grange #284, Russ Weston from North Bellingham Grange #201, and Marvin Oliver from Collins Grange #893.

Claudine Mincks, Washington State Grange Lecturer, reported on the funds raised at the 2026 Washington State Grange Departments Live Auction. The total amount raised was \$13,945.00. The Family Living Department raised \$2,625.00. The Junior Department raised \$3,315.00. The Youth Department raised \$1,805.00. The Lecturer Department raised \$6,200.00.

The Grange closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 4:55 pm.

Saturday June 27, 2026

The fourth day of the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange held at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon, WA, opened in full form in the Fourth Degree at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 27th, with President Tom Gwin in the chair.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Washington State Youth Team Members Brittany Gordon and Melissa Kudsk distributed various awards to outstanding youth program participants. The names of those receiving awards will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Youth Raffle Drawing winners were drawn; 1st place of \$400 to Dry Creek Grange, 2nd place of \$100 to Fruitvale Grange, 3rd place of \$60 to South Lake Stevens Grange, 4th Place of \$40 to Pam Matthews.

Washington State Grange Junior Director, Tessa Gwin, distributed various awards to outstanding junior program participants. She shared about the teambuilding, leadership and fun activities the juniors participated in this week. The names of those receiving awards will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Constitution and Bylaws (Final)

Constitution and Bylaws Standing Committee Report:

- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1- Motion to amend. Motion ruled out of order. Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #2- Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #3- Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #4- Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #5- Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #6- Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #7- Committee report adopted.
- Grange Law Committee Recommendation #8- Committee report adopted.

Resolutions

- Resolution-2026-08-1101- entitled "Pomona Grange Dues"- Committee report adopted.
- Resolution-2026-14-1103- entitled "Composition of the Grange Executive Committee"- Motion to amend. Motion rescinded. Committee report adopted.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report, as a whole, adopted.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 10:08 a.m., for a break.

The Grange was reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin, invited the Central District to introduce the 2027 Convention in Yakima, Washington. The Host Steering Committee Chair for the 2027 Convention is Pam Bright, the Vice-chair is Tom Cullen.

The Assistants opened the Bible upon the altar.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Sister Debbie Riegel-Yates, the 137th Convention Northern District Host Committee Chair, and introduced her to make some closing remarks and thank you remarks to all those who helped put this Convention together.

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee approves the minutes of the session. Motion carried.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin, thanked the host Granges of the Northern District for working together to put together a successful session this year.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother John Gardner for his incredible talent and ability and willingness to operate the sound board again this year. He also thanked John for his work finding and updating the equipment.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked the Officers, Deputies, and spouses on behalf of the Washington State Grange for their participation and continued hard work they put in to ensure the session is as successful and productive as possible.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Sister Isabella Lierman for taking the minutes.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Sister Denise McCartan for being the reader.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother David Bryant and Sister Andrea Wilbur for operating the computer and running the projector.

Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked Brother Rex Ogden for serving as the Parliamentarian, and Sister Phyllis Ogden for serving as his Assistant throughout the session.

The Door Prize Drawing was won by Andy Snow from Rome Grange # 226, Syn Omega from Matlock Grange # 357, Kirby Pollard from Marion Grange #276, Jim Loomer from South Lake Stevens Grange #690 and George Penner from Molson Grange #1069.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin, presented Brother John Gardner and Sister Helen Gardner of McMillin Grange #848 with the 2026 Washington State Grange Leadership Award. Both remarked on their love of this organization and how it has driven their commitment to the organization.

The Assistants closed the Bible, and the Grange was recessed at 11:23 a.m., for a lunch break, followed by presentation of the 5th degree at 1:45 p.m., presentation of the 6th degree at 2:30 pm and installation officers.

The Grange was opened in full form in the Fifth Degree at 1:45 p.m. for the exemplification of the Fifth Degree. The exemplification was performed by a team from Pierce County. The names of those participating will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Following the exemplification of the Fifth Degree, the Grange opened in full form in the Sixth Degree at 2:30 p.m. for the exemplification of the Sixth Degree and the presentation of the Rose Drill. The list of participants will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Upon completion of the Sixth Degree, Worthy President, Tom Gwin, thanked acting 6th Degree President, David Bryant, for his excellent work during the presentation of the 6th Degree.

The Assistants closed the Bible and the Grange recessed at 4:15 p.m. for a break, with Installation of Officers after the recess.

The Installation of Officers began at 4:35 p.m. The names of those who participated and were installed will appear in the Journal of Proceedings. Worthy President Tom Gwin thanked the Pierce County Installation Team for installing the new officers.

The Grange was reconvened at 4:56 p.m.

The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree.

The Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin, thanked Brother Jim Ogden for providing the music.

Worthy President, Tom Gwin, thanked Brother Rick Ferguson for his many years of service to the State Grange as a state officer.

The Grange was put at ease.

The Has-Beens (Past State Officers) held a program to install the new members of the group.

The Grange is back in order at 5:15 p.m.

The 137th Annual Convention of the Washington State Grange was closed in full form in the Fourth Degree at 5:23 p.m., followed by the Friendship Circle and singing of "God Be with You".

GRANGE LEADERS OF THE YEAR AWARD

JOHN & HELEN GARDNER

2026

John and Helen Gardner are Seventh Degree Golden Sheaf members from McMillin Grange #848 in Pierce County.

Helen joined the same Grange as her parents, grandfather, and extended family when she was sixteen. John, coming from a part of the country with few Granges, was unfamiliar with the organization, but married into it. (He was told he had to pick one of the fraternal organizations of his bride's family and went with Grange.) Both have held multiple offices in their subordinate Grange, John mostly at Master and Steward and Helen primarily at Lecturer and Secretary, although she served as Master as well. (Both of Helen's parents and John and Helen's oldest son were also Master at the same Grange.)



Both have spent many hours on the projects of their local Grange. They helped with the quilt show and the hot dog stand that served people traveling for the Daffodil Parade when those projects were in place and they helped install the display at the Pierce County Fair, sometimes by themselves. They devoted countless hours over many decades to get the agricultural exhibit at the Puyallup/Western Washington/State Fair ready for generations of fairgoers to enjoy and Helen has enjoyed her many hours in the information booth. They delivered Words for Thirds dictionaries and school supplies for years. John continues to take care of many of the small repairs any century-old hall needs on a regular basis.

Both spent years on the McMillin Grange Fifth Degree and drill team and Helen continues as a part of the countywide degree team. Both have served on multiple Pomona committees and have spent a lot of time in the Pomona Kitchen at the Pierce County Fair. John and Helen have both been Pomona officers and Helen is currently Pierce County Pomona Lecturer.

John and Helen were Washington State Grange's Young Couple of the Year in 1983 [?]. They have both been on committees during the annual session and Helen has served in four state offices: Lady Assistant Steward, Flora, Pomona, and Chaplain. John has run the sound system at the state session for many years and had the status of Special Deputy for a time in that role⁷. John was a Junior District Director and Helen was a member of the state Lecturer team. Helen helped with several Junior Granges and was for years the craft lady at Grange Camp. They have devoted a lot of time to sorting and organizing the historical materials of the Washington State Grange and Helen regularly creates displays for state conventions.

John was born in Rapid City, South Dakota in 1946 and raised in Orange, California. Helen was born in Puyallup, Washington in 1947 and raised in McMillin, Washington. They met in college at Pacific Lutheran University during school plays where Helen was an actress and John was on the stage crew. They married in 1970. John was employed by the Washington State Employment Security Division until retirement and now works a few hours a week at Arrow Lumber. Helen taught in the Puyallup and White River School Districts until retirement. They have resided in Buckley, Washington since 1972, where they raised three boys, Jarrod, Justin, and Seth. There are no grandchildren to make a fifth generation of Grangers, but it could still happen...

PREVIOUS GRANGE LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

1957 – W. T. Smith	1981 – Gerald Fenton	2005 – Jane Barfoot
1958 – Fred Nelson	1982 – Eleanor Dudonsky	2006 – Bill & Elnora Crow
1959 – Charles F. Keiser	1983 – Ray Schneider	2007 – Everett & Doris Cook
1960 – Horace W. Bozarth	1984 – Homer Trefry	2008 – Butch & Margaret Ohlsen
1961 – John Dobie	1985 – Mary Richmond	2009 – Bob & Glenda Clark
1962 – Charles Hodde	1986 – Jim Miller	2010 – Wayne & Peggy Miller
1963 – Max Schmuck	1987 – Vance Arter	2011 – Ruth Nelson
1964 – Ira E. Shea	1988 – Mabel Johnson	2012 – Dennis & Jeannine Hall
1965 – J. R. Ayers	1989 – Al Ost	2013 – Ed & Marilyn Armit
1966 – Adda Ruth Roberts	1990 – Dee L. McKern	2014 – Dave Howard
1967 – Frank O. Miller	1991 – Ray Kamerrer	2015 – Gene & Joan Frymire
1968 – J. T. Danaher	1992 – Ned Cullen	2016 – Jack & June Henrickson
1969 – Ted A. Lloyd	1993 – Anna & Dave Van Hulle	2017 – Elza & Dorothy Bryant
1970 – Lena Lloyd	1994 – Kay Bernethy	2018 – Mel & Rosetta Knott
1971 – Dan Jolly	1995 – Milt & Betty Perry	2019 – Shirley Ward
1972 – Ted F. Berry	1996 – Willetta Burns	2020 – No Award – Covid
1973 – Thora Dick	1997 – Lillian Callaway	2021 – No Award – Covid
1974 – Martin Auseth	1998 – Adrian & Betty Devries	2022 – David Schaefer
1975 – Avis Beam	1999 – Quintin & Marjorie Landreth	2023 – Terry & Mary Hunt
1976 – Irma Smith	2000 – Jack Silvers	2024 – Lynn Wells and Tom McKern
1977 – Agnes Johnson	2001 – Boots & Fred Fischer	2025 – Lucille Bevis and Davona Gwin
1978 – Chester Crandall	2002 – Shirley Johnson	2026 – John & Helen Gardner
1979 – Bob Elwess	2003 – Bernard & Ida Laurie	
1980 – Frieda Berger	2004 – Les & Marie Snyder	



2026 PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

TOM GWIN, 19TH PRESIDENT OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

Worthy Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange:

Welcome to Mount Vernon, the City of Tulips, for the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. The Grange members of the Northern District have worked feverishly as the host district for this convention. Thank you to this year's Steering Committee Officers: Chairman Debbie Reigel-Yates, Vice Chair Scott Hackett, Secretary Clarene Ricarte, and Treasurer Mary Celia for their leadership in guiding the numerous committees necessary to host the convention.

THE NORTHERN DISTRICT - OUR HOST AREA

Granges of the Northern District have joined forces to host this year's convention. From the northern counties of Whatcom and Skagit, west to San Juan and Island Counties, and continuing south through Snohomish, King, and Pierce Counties; this region has everything from lush forests and mountains to fertile farmland. Every county in this district touches the saltwater shores of Puget Sound. Other than the "Island" counties, we are bordered on the east by the crest of the Cascade Mountains. From the Canadian border on the north end to the Nisqually River on the south end, we find an interesting mix of residents and industry in this district.

With 4.6 million residents, over half of the state's population of 7.8 million lives in these seven counties. Home to acres and acres of fertile farmland, we continue to see farmland disappearing to make room for housing and industry. It wasn't too many years ago that as one was driving on Interstate 5, one could look to the east and see tree-covered hills with the Cascade Mountains in the distance. Today, those once forest hillsides are covered with housing developments for the increasing population. It is important for us to note the entire state benefits from the industrial revolution in this area of the state. As a state, we are dependent upon the revenues generated by the high-tech industry, transportation and the presence of our military in the area.

Over 4.5 1.6 million people, over 56% of the total state population, call the Northern District home. The breakdown of the counties in the Northern District with their current population are as follows:

Populations Rank by County	County	Population	Largest Cities
1	King	2,287,171	Seattle, Bellevue, Kent, Renton
2	Pierce	930,319	Tacoma, South Hill, Lakewood
3	Snohomish	844,430	Everett, Marysville, Lake Stevens
9	Whatcom	230,503	Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale
11	Skagit	131,328	Mt Vernon, Anacortes, Burlington
15	Island	86,836	Oak Harbor, Coupeville, Langley
32	San Juan	18,478	Friday Harbor

There are 48 Subordinate Granges, 7 Pomona Granges, and 4 Junior Granges within the Northern District. Membership in this district totals over 2000 members.

Agriculture is still prolific in parts of the Northern District. Once dominated by the dairy industry, we now see a diversification of farming activities throughout the district. Whatcom County still has a number of dairies, but we are seeing those numbers decrease and an increase in berry and vegetable crops. While much of the former farmland in Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties is no longer used for agriculture,

the Skagit River Valley has extremely fertile soil and boasts a wide array of crops. Island and San Juan Counties have an active aquaculture industry. Tourism plays a major role in each of the counties, and a greater emphasis on agritourism contributes to a robust economy.

Many Granges in this district have seen their communities grow into small cities creating a wide array of opportunities for the Grange to take on a more relevant role in their area. Over the past few years, we've seen an increase in backyard gardening. While the majority of the district's residents have no experience in agriculture, there is interest in becoming more of a do-it-yourself society. Several Granges in the area are offering classes on organic gardening, beekeeping, soap making, and food preservation. This is an excellent opportunity for our Granges to be major players and stakeholders in every community, not only in this district, but across our entire state.

AGRICULTURE

Washington agriculture generates roughly \$10.6 billion in direct farm receipts annually, placing the state consistently among the top ten agricultural producers in the United States. That number anchors a supply chain that extends well beyond the farm gate — into food processing, transportation, export logistics, and retail — making agriculture one of the most structurally significant sectors in the state's economy.

Let's look specifically at Agriculture in Skagit County. Skagit County is one of the largest and most diverse agricultural regions west of the Cascade Range, producing about \$350 million worth of crops, livestock, and dairy products on roughly 90,000 acres. Over 90 different crops are grown, with blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, tulips, daffodils, pickling cucumbers, specialty potatoes, Jonagold apples, and vegetable seed among the most important. The county produces more tulip, iris, and daffodil bulbs than any other U.S. county, and 95% of Washington's red potatoes are grown here.

Key Production Facts of Skagit County Agriculture:

- Total market value of agricultural products sold (2022): \$366.9 million.
- Crops Grown: Vegetables (including potatoes, corn for silage, barley), fruits (berries, apples), nursery and floriculture, hay, and specialty crops.
- Livestock & Poultry Raised: Poultry and eggs, cattle, hogs, sheep/goats, and aquaculture.
- Land use: 68,346 acres cropland, 8,534 acres pastureland, 10,292 acres woodland, and 12,546 acres for other agricultural uses.
- Irrigated land: 24,906 acres (about 25% of total farmland).
- Average farm size: 113 acres; 882 farms in 2022.

2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2026 Legislative Session wrapped up to a lot of fanfare and handwringing over the largest tax and spend budget in state history. The 2026 Washington State Legislative Session officially adjourned on March 12, concluding 60 days of deliberations characterized by policy changes and major fiscal decisions. Regardless of the length of the legislative session, the majority of business is always held until the final few weeks of the session.

The Legislature passed two bills of interest to Grange members:

SB 5252 – Sponsored by Senator Shewmake of Legislative District 42, the bill increased the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places including Grange halls. This increases the one-acre cap on property tax exemptions to a maximum of 29 acres. This bill became effective on June 11, 2026. Questions regarding the implementation of this bill should be directed to the WA State Department of Revenue. Thank you to Russ Weston of Whatcom County for his work with Senator Shewmake in getting this bill through the legislative process.

HB 2431 – Sponsored by Rep. Shavers of the 10th Legislative District, this bill increases the maximum annual limit for regularly scheduled fundraising activities for the nonprofit public assembly halls and

meeting places property tax exemption from fifteen to fifty days per year. This bill will take effect with tax collections beginning in 2027. Again, questions regarding the implementation of this bill should be directed to the WA State Department of Revenue. Thank you to Stillaguamish Grange for proposing this resolution for the past few years and for their work in contacting Representative Shavers to get this bill established. We also thank Steve Singhose of Clallam for testifying in support of this bill.

STATE CAPITOL BUDGET

Again this year, we worked with Granges to apply for capitol grant funds to improve their Grange halls. The capitol budget application is not intended to be an easy grant application process. It is intended to assist our Granges in securing funds for needed projects that will increase the effectiveness of each Grange in their community thus improving the Grange's ability to attract new programs, activities, and members.

The process requires your Grange members to interact with your state legislators. You are encouraged to invite your state legislators into your halls now, when the legislature is not in session. Share your Grange's story and how your community benefits from the Grange and your hall. Tell them of your interest in the capitol grant program and ask for their support.

Our summary of Granges receiving funds is:

2024	13 Granges	\$1 million
2025	26 Granges	\$2.98 million
2026	10 Granges	\$622,000

Granges receiving funding in 2026 are:

Legislative District 7	Camden Grange, Pend Oreille County	\$25,000
Legislative District 7	East Wenatchee Grange, Douglas County	\$98,000
Legislative District 7	Twisp Valley Grange, Okanogan County	\$120,000
Legislative District 10	Rexville Grange, Skagit County	\$50,000
Legislative District 12	Manson Grange, Chelan County #	\$100,000
Legislative District 14	Columbia Grange, Klickitat County	\$74,000
Legislative District 15	Lower Naches Grange, Yakima County	\$40,000
Legislative District 19	Skamokawa Grange, Wahkiakum County	\$50,000
Legislative District 20	Forest Grange, Lewis County	\$45,000
Legislative District 35	Prosperity Grange, Thurston County	\$20,000
Total Amount Awarded		\$622,000

Seeing this as a difficult budget year with tight funds available, we are taking this as a legislative win.

We will be promoting this program again in 2027. We will again ask you to submit your first application to the State Grange Office for review and suggestions. When the link opens up to apply directly with your legislators, we will email that information to you. Be sure to follow the instructions and meet the required deadlines. The legislature does not consider late applications.

INCOME TAX AND STATE BUDGET

The legislature allowed for the first income tax in Washington State history by passing SB 6436. The bill, labeled the "millionaires" tax, is an across-the-board income tax with a standard deduction of \$1 million. Legislative democrats estimate the income tax will bring in about \$2.3 billion in new revenue for fiscal year 2029, which will add revenue to the coffers for the 2027-2031 four-year outlook. As we look ahead, this new tax revenue will provide no new services for Washington State residents. If the 2027-2029 budget increases, year over year, at the LOWEST rate in the last ten years, we face a deficit of about \$10 billion over the next four-year outlook.

The income tax revenue equates to \$2.3 billion (if no businesses or seven figure earners leave the state). Not only is that \$2.3 billion used to simply cover a chunk of the deficit, but that still leaves lawmakers about \$7 billion deficit to make up. The \$7 billion deficit assumes zero spending growth for two years, in 2027-2029 fiscal budget.

Look for the standard deduction on this tax to be lowered in the very near future. The legislature has shown no appetite for cost savings, cutting waste or reducing government spending. State spending has increased a whopping 73% since 2017 and 103% increase

in spending since 2015. No majority party lawmakers have signaled they plan to reduce spending in future budgets, so the math is simple. They will need to increase the amount of income-tax payers to keep up with their spending wishes.

In the span of the last five biennium the state has added about 30,000 new employees, which is about a 27% increase in state employees; while the state population has grown about 12% in that time. In that same time K-12 Education spending has seen a 90% increase (increase of about \$14 billion per budget), while student public school enrollment has fallen by about 50,000 students. While case load has decreased by 3-5%, spending has increased by 90%. The legislature is likely looking at a deficit of about \$13 billion after they spend every penny of the \$2.3 billion income tax revenue for 2027-2029 operating budget.

We will see an initiative on the ballot this year to repeal the “Millionaire Tax”, which in reality is an income tax. State Grange policy opposes a State Income Tax; thus, the Grange will support the initiative to repeal the Millionaire Tax.

AGRICULTURE’S DEPENDENCE ON THE COLUMBIA SNAKE RIVER SYSTEM

The Columbia Snake River System is the network of federal dams and locks on the Columbia River and connected water bodies, including the Snake River. This system enables grain barges to carry wheat and other grains 360 miles from Lewiston ID to export elevators as far west as Longview WA.

Eight locks on the system allow barges to safely navigate the nearly 222-meter drop in elevation over that distance. The Columbia Snake River System serves as a superhighway of sorts for moving wheat and other agricultural products from farm to market, The ability to move such a large volume of grain efficiently makes the river system a cost-effective and “green” logistical option. The Army Corps of Engineers maintains the lock system. And its history goes back to the 1930s when President Franklin Roosevelt personally inaugurated Bonneville, the first of the eight dams and locks east of Portland.

The rivers can move more volume at once, with greater fuel efficiency, than any other transportation source. A single barge can hold as much grain as 35 rail cars or 134 trucks. A barge tow can carry more than one 100-unit train or 538 trucks. We no longer have ample railways through that portion of our state to effectively transport the grain down river. Nor do we have highways or trucking industry to effectively transport the grain to market.

The Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) reports that barging is a safe way to move cargo, with fewer injuries, fatalities and accidental spills than other transportation options.

This Columbia Snake River System allows for the transport of four classes of U.S. wheat grown by dependable farmers in 10 states. In addition, some of that wheat and other crops for export markets are irrigated with water from the system.

The Columbia Snake River System truly assists in connecting the US to its trading partners. The river system keeps U.S. wheat competitive by moving higher volumes more efficiently. The Washington State

Grange will continue to support keeping the Columbia Snake River System intact for the benefit of both agriculture and the citizens of the Pacific Northwest.

LOOKING TO THE 2027 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

While there is little direction provided by the legislature for the 2027 legislative session, we do know much of the discussion and decisions will focus on the state budget. There is a current projection of a \$13 million shortfall in state revenues. It will be interesting to see how the legislature addresses the shortfall....we will see any cuts to programs.....or will we see another set o broad tax and fee increases?

The personnel in the state legislature will see major changes in this year's elections. Several committee chairs and vice chairs are either retiring or moving on to other positions. Thus far, we know of the following legislative personnel changes:

State Senate

- District 8 – Matt Boehnke is running for Congress
- District 13 – Judy Warnick is retiring
- District 15 – Nikki Torres is running for the 8th District Senate Seat (redistricting move)
- District 20 – John Braun, Senate Minority Leader, is running for Congress. His Senate term is not up and he will return if he isn't elected to Congress.
- District 29 – Steve Conway, Vice Chair of Labor & Commerce, is retiring
- District 37 – Rebecca Saldana, Chair of the Labor & Commerce Committee, is running for the King County Council
- District 42 – Sharon Shewmake, Chair of the Environment, Energy, & Technology Committee, is retiring

State House of Representatives

- District 3 – Timm Ormsby, Chair of the House Appropriations committee, is retiring
- District 4 – Suzanne Schmidt is running for the Spokane County Commission
- District 6 – Mike Volz is retiring
- District 6 – Jenny Graham is retiring
- District 13 – Alex Ybarra is running for the State Senate
- District 15 – Jeremie Dufault is running for the State Senate
- District 24 – Steve Tharinger, Chair of the House Capitol Budget Committee, is retiring after eight terms
- District 26 – Michelle Valdez is retiring
- District 29 – Sharlett Mena, Chair of the State Government Committee, is running for the State Senate
- District 32 – Cindy Ryu, Chair of the Technology, Economic Development and Veterans Committee, is running for the State Senate
- District 37 – Chipalo Street is running for the State Senate
- District 37 – Carolyn Eslick is retiring
- District 45 – Larry Springer is retiring
- District 49 – Sharon Wylie is running for Clark County Auditor

The changes in personnel will make for an interesting 2027 legislative session.

GRANGE: A NONPARTISAN ORGANIZATION

We are entering into a volatile election season. Candidates have already filed for office, and campaigns are heating up across the state. Our primary election is just six short weeks away. Some Granges are being asked to support one candidate or another, while others are asked to host political rallies for forums.

While we encourage our Grange members to become politically active, there are specific standards established that all Granges must follow. The Grange Declaration of Purposes, first established in 1874, clearly outlines Grange philosophy regarding partisanship.

Summarizing our principles regarding partisanship, we find the following statements:

- We emphatically and sincerely assert the oft-repeated truth taught in our Constitutional Law, that the Grange – National, State, Pomona, or Subordinate – is not a partisan or party organization.
- The principles we teach underlie all true statesmanship, and if properly carried out, will tend to purify the whole political atmosphere of our country, for we seek the greatest good to the greatest number.
- We must always bear in mind that no one, by becoming a Grange member, gives up that inalienable right and duty which belongs to every American citizen, to take a proper interest in the politics of one's country,
- It is right for every member to do all in his or her power, legitimately to influence for good the action of any political party to which he or she belongs.
- We acknowledge the broad principle that difference of opinion is no crime and hold that "progress toward truth is made by differences of opinion," while "the fault lies in the bitterness of controversy."

Because the Grange has been non-partisan for over 150 years, we must observe the following guidelines as we move through the election process:

- The Grange is an issue and member driven organization. We do not support candidates of any specific political party.
- We encourage our members to educate themselves with the issues and the candidates' stance on each issue before deciding for themselves which candidate is better aligned to their views.
- Grange members shall respect the opinions of other members and treat each other with civility and respect.
- The use of Grange property to promote a candidate for political office is strictly forbidden.
 - Granges may hold political forums...all candidates for an office must be invited and all are treated equally.
 - The Grange may not hold a rally or support a single candidate for any political office. If your Grange has a rental for a political candidate, the full rental fee shall be charged for the use of your hall.
 - Campaign signs may not be placed on Grange property as it implies endorsement of that candidate.
- Each Grange must clearly communicate to political candidates that the Grange may not support or endorse any candidate for partisan political office.
- When representing the Grange, a member may not wear any partisan political items. This includes working at fairs, community celebrations, attendance at the upcoming State Grange Session, and general Grange events.

PUBLIC POWER

Concerns over electrical power surfaced in the early 1920's. At issue was the debate over private power companies and the potential of public power companies. State Grange Master Albert Goss compared the power company struggle to home ownership:

"Buying public power is like buying your home. When the mortgage is paid off and you have the deed in your hand you are truly the owner. Buying from a public utility is like renting forever, and all you ever own is a pile of rent receipts."

Over a period of years, the Grange Committee on Power Development proposed a bill to the State Grange Session in 1927. While adopted at by the State Grange, a lack of funds prevented further action. State Senator Homer T. Bone was instrumental in writing the act and used much of the language from the 1911 Port Authority Act of Washington.

While there was desire to file the PUD Initiative for a statewide vote in 1928, it was decided to file as an Initiative to the Legislature. This was an untried method in our state, but the delegates to the State Grange agreed to pursue this course of action. The initiative was filed with the Secretary of State of October 25, 1928, and was certified to both houses of the State Legislature. In February 1929, the State

Senate voted against the initiative by a 20-17 vote. This automatically placed the initiative on the November 1929 ballot giving the Grange 20 months to campaign.

While losing the vote in the City of Seattle by 16,000 votes, the initiative did pass statewide by 22,000 votes. Thus, the birth of Public Utility Districts in the State of Washington.

The Washington PUD Association celebrated their 90th Anniversary at their annual convention in April. I was their guest speaker at their Awards Recognition Banquet. The PUD Association is certainly grateful for Grange efforts promoting public power in the State of Washington. At the end of the conference, we agreed to meet later this summer to work on issues of concern to both the Grange and the PUD Association, renewing our commitment to each other in strengthening the public power laws of our state.

EXTERNAL CONCLUSION

While some take our political system for granted, we must be thankful for the opportunity to be able to express our opinions through the ballot box. There are many important issues affecting our state, county, and local communities. It is our responsibility, as Grangers and active citizens of this nation, to demand that our legislators work across party lines to continue to find solutions that will benefit our entire state and nation.

This concludes the external portion of this year's Master's Address. Thank you for your time in listening to this portion of the address.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS – INTERNAL 2026

The Washington State Grange develops opportunities for our Subordinate and Pomona Granges and their members to make an impact in their communities. We do this through a variety of programs and activities designed to serve our communities, build fellowship, educate our members, showcase the talents of our Granges and their members, and create a positive culture in every Grange, which in turn creates positivity in the communities we serve.

The National Grange Digest of Laws, the Declaration of Purposes, and the Washington State Grange Constitution and Bylaws are tools that define the framework of our Granges. We work within those guidelines to develop programs, policies, and activities to assist Granges in creating their agendas to make that lasting impact in their communities.

We currently have 212 Subordinate Granges in the State of Washington. While we have Granges in each of our state's 39 counties, the 212 Granges are as varied as they can be. We have Granges scattered along the rural countryside, but we also have Granges in urban and suburban areas.

As every community and every Grange have their own personalities, the programs we create must be adaptable to each Grange's individual situation. We've tried to develop programs where bits and pieces can be used in every Grange in our state. The days of one-size fits are all long gone. While we all are Granges following the same basic guidelines and principles, we really are 212 different Grange organizations addressing the needs of each individual community and the members within that community.

Let's review the past year for the Granges across our State:

DISTINGUISHED GRANGES

We are excited to have one Subordinate Grange qualify as a Distinguished Grange in 2024-2025. Congratulations to Five Mile Prairie #905 for the excellent programming in their local communities and their support of State and National Grange programs.

GRANGES IN ACTION

The National Grange began the “Grange in Action” program in 2019. Granges are asked to submit three pictures with captions on one 8 ½ x 11” page of paper. We are pleased to see excellent participation from our state. We had 134 Granges (Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior) recognized as “Granges in Action” for 2025.

We expect to have at least this many Granges recognized as Granges in Action for 2026. Granges should submit their posters to the State Grange Office no later than August 15. The poster must have your Grange name, number, state, and 3-6 pictures of your Grange activities (with captions) since September 1, 2025.

I hope you will consider helping us surpass last year’s number!

MILESTONES

We are pleased to have eight Granges join the Centennial Grange Club for 100 consecutive years of operation: Green Bluff #300 (Spokane County), Bryant #791 (Snohomish County), Mondovi #822 (Lincoln County), Central #831 (Spokane County), St. Andrews #832 (Douglas County), Buena #836 (Yakima County), Canniwai #837 (Lincoln County), and Camas Valley #842 (Stevens County).

Later this year, Grays River #124 (Wahkiakum County) will celebrate 125 consecutive years, while an additional four Granges will celebrate 100 years.

NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

The National Grange held their Annual Honors Program following the National Grange Convention in November. Several Granges and Grangers from our state were recognized for their outstanding work:

QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

Juniors, First Place – Charlie Thorson, Prospect Point #1067
Juniors, Second Place – Garrett Thorson, Prospect Point #1067
Juniors, Third Place – Jacob Smith, Humptulips Junior #376

GARDEN DESIGN CONTEST

Ground Space Garden, Second Place – Alice Coakley, Oakview #311

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Poetry, First Place – Lorell Fisher, Stranger Creek #374
Poetry, Second Place – Jarrod Gardner, McMillin #848
Short Story, Third Place – Rodger Lance, Washington #82

VIRTUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Adult Best of Show – Stephanie Day, Long Beach #667
Adult Agriculture & Farming, Honorable Mention – Alexis Kudsk, Haynie #169
Adult Agriculture & Farming, Honorable Mention – Sheryl Reynolds, Long Beach #667
Adult Say it With Flowers, First Place - Stephanie Day, Long Beach #667
Adult Say it With Flowers, Third Place – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
Adult Say it With Flowers, Honorable Mention – Laura Klein, Prospect Point #1067
Adult Say it With Flowers, Honorable Mention – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730
Adult America the Beautiful, First Place – Christine Hamp, Five Mile Prairie #905
Adult America the Beautiful, Honorable Mention – Laura Klein, Prospect Point #1067
Junior Best of Show – Bridget Klein, Prospect Point #1067
Junior Agriculture & Farming, First Place – Bridget Klein, Prospect Point #1067
Junior Agriculture & Farming, Third Place – Jacob Smith, Humptulips Junior #376
Junior Animal & Pets, Second Place – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips Junior #376

Junior America the Beautiful, First Place – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips Junior #376
Junior America the Beautiful, Second Place – Jacob Smith, Humptulips Junior #376
Junior Water, Second Place – Kamryn Cable, Humptulips Junior #376
Junior, Water, Third Place – Briar Schroeder, Oakview #311
Junior Water, Honorable Mention – Bridget Klein, Prospect Point #1067

JUNIOR GRANGE CREATIVE ART

Ages 9-11, First Place – Camden Mill, Camp Wooten Junior #400
Ages 9-11, Third Place – JB Roth, Camp Wooten Junior #400
Ages 12-14, Second Place – Paige K, Camp Wooten Junior #400
Ages 12-14, Third Place – Elijah Berg, Camp Wooten Junior #400

GRANGE CONNECTOR AWARD

Charlie Deach, Columbia #87

GRANGE COMMUNICATOR RECOGNITION

Codi Titus, Ralston #943

Congratulations on a job well done to all our award winners!

90-YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

In March, I was honored to present what we believe is the first 90-year membership award in our state to Sister Irene Miller Tripp of Newaukum Grange in Lewis County. Sister Irene joined the Grange in 1936 and was the daughter of Frank Miller, past State Overseer. Family and friends gathered to recognize Sister Irene, including her great-niece and current State Grange Deputy Jennifer Webb and her great-great-niece Jordanne Beck, who is our current State Grange Pomona. Thank you to Sister Carolyn Hojem, who serves as the Lecturer of Newaukum Grange, for planning the program recognizing our first 90-year member.

DEPUTIES

I appreciate the willingness of our deputy force to step forward to give their time and energy to our organization, which is indicative of their commitment to the Grange.

We have five new deputies joining the State Grange Deputy force. Janelle Lierman and Steve Dalton assumed the duties of Deputy for Snohomish and Island Counties, Andrea Wilbur is the new Deputy for Pierce County, Emil Moilanen is the new Deputy for Clallam County, and Donna Russell accepted the Deputy position for Stevens County. I cannot give enough thanks to those deputies who retired this year: Don Nilssen (Snohomish County), Jennifer Oliver (Pierce County), Chuck Prochaska (Island County), and Mick Schwartz (Stevens County). There will be additional retirements this year and I am looking for interested members with the time and commitment to serve as my eyes and ears and to work with the Granges in their area with programs and membership development. Interested people should talk to me about the responsibilities and qualifications of serving in the State Deputy Master position.

The Annual Deputy, State Officer, and Leadership Team Conference was held in March in Yakima. We cut the conference down to a one-day event to assist in cost cutting. This year's program focused on providing tools to assist our Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Workshops at this year's conference included:

- Conflict Resolution, presented by Rusty Hunt
- A discussion on updating the State Grange Mission Statement
- An Introduction to the National Grange PIPS Program
- SMART Goals, presented by Jonny & Brittney Pittman
- Working with each Grange to Develop a Plan of Action
- A Discussion on the National Grange Declaration of Purpose and the Grange's Nonpartisan Stance

- Creation of Mentoring Teams for Granges

The result of the conference was 15 mentorship teams assigned to work with various Granges in developing a Performance Improvement Plan that focuses on membership development, increased community awareness, and providing mentorship to our Granges. Thus far, I am seeing a good response from our Granges as we work to encourage all Granges to try new methods of operation and program development. While we are still and Granges, we must continue meeting the needs of our individual communities to remain relevant and productive.

We will be planning another deputy and state officer conference in the coming year. Thank you to both the deputies and state officers for their assistance at this session and throughout the year.

GRANGE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

Every year, the Washington State Grange holds a Legislative Day to provide a platform for Grange members to converge upon the state capital in Olympia to engage with lawmakers, advocate for rural communities, and address key issues impacting agriculture, education, and rural life across the state. This annual event has become a cornerstone of the Grange's mission to foster democracy, strengthen communities, and create meaningful dialogue between Grangers and their elected officials.

With the 2026 Legislative Session dubbed a "short session" of only 60 days, the Grange Legislative Day was held on Monday, January 26. Nearly fifty Grangers gathered at the State Grange Office in Olympia for orientation and a presentation by State Grange Government Lobbyist Jesse Taylor.

Grangers then made the trek to the State Capitol Building for tours, legislative meetings, and additional speakers. The State Grange made appointments for each attendee to meet with their State Representatives and Senator or their office staff. Time between appointments was filled with attending hearings of the Senate and House Committees.

This year's speakers included:

- State Senator Mike Chapman of the 24th Legislative District who also serves as the Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. Chapman spoke about bills currently referred to the committee, as well as taxation policy that is making its way through the legislature.
- The group also heard from Senator Ron Muzzall of the 10th Legislative District. Muzzall is the ranking member on the Senate Health Care Committee. He spoke on several healthcare topics, his family farm, and proposed taxation policy.
- The delegation also heard from Brian Considine, Government Affairs Director for the Washington Parks and recreation Commission. Considine spoke on changes to the discover pass, new park policy around camping, and recreation fee increases.
- Morgan Irwin, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Association of Business spoke to the group about business issues, proposed income taxes, and estate taxes. Irwin is a former State House Representative from the 31st District.

State Grange staff made appointments for each of the delegates to meet with their legislators, advocating for rural concerns and Grange policy regarding those concerns. Many of the delegates met with their legislators to gather support for their application for Capital Budget Funds, which will be allocated later in the session.

As this was the year for the short session, we did not hold our Youth and Junior Legislative Experience. We are, however, already planning for our 2027 Youth and Junior Legislative Experience. The event will be on the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Participants will arrive in Olympia on the evening of Sunday, January 17. Workshops, tours, and activities will be all day on Monday, January 18. Legislative meetings may carry over to the morning of Tuesday, January 19. Now is the time for each Grange to start recruiting youth and junior members to attend this valuable educational activity.

FIDELITY BONDING THROUGH THE NATIONAL GRANGE

The National Grange continues to offer a fidelity bond to each Grange through the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company of Keene, NH. Rates are dependent upon the amount of coverage each Grange desires. Subordinate and Pomona Granges send their completed application form and payment to the State Grange, who compiles the applications and submits it to the National Grange Office.

The State Grange Office has the information on the 2027 bonding program. We will send that information out to each Grange following this session. For 2027, all applications must be received in the State Grange Office no later than November 15. We will compile the applications and submit them to the National Grange Office before their December 1 deadline.

It is important to note that if a Grange was once enrolled in the program and chooses not to obtain bonding in any particular year, that Grange will be ineligible for bonding for a three-year period. The National Grange provided us with a list of those Granges and when they will again be eligible for coverage.

STATE GRANGE AUDIT

I had hoped to provide you with the completed audit review for the WA State Grange Foundation for 2023, and 2024 and the Washington State Grange for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

The foundation review for 2023 and 2024 is included in your docket. They were completed in November and approved by the Executive Committee at their December meeting.

The State Grange reviews are not included in the docket. Data input was completed in early January and provided to the auditing firm. Unfortunately, the accounting software did not provide all the reports needed by the auditing firm. We put the auditors in direct contact with the accounting software writers. Months later, they obtained the reports needed to complete the audit. Up until a week ago, we still believed we would have the report for FY 2022 for this convention. The report is in final review and is to be available to us in just a couple of weeks.

The 2023 data has been input and is ready for the auditing firm as soon as they close 2022. We were able to print off data on the schedule of functional expenses for 2022 and the balances of Grange Custodial Accounts up through 2025.

I, and the office staff, are certainly not happy with delay after delay on this very important matter. The completion of the financial records will remain our highest priority to bring up to date over the next year.

Because we fell behind in our accounting and audits, we have been notified by the IRS that we have lost our nonprofit status. We have 18 months from the date of notification to apply for reinstatement as a nonprofit organization. Our auditing firm has assured us this is doable and we will be able to apply for noninterrupted nonprofit status. Because the WA State Grange is the parent organization for the Subordinate and Pomona Granges under our jurisdiction, many of you have received letters informing you that your nonprofit status has been revoked as well. We have been in communication with the IRS and they assure us when our status is reinstated, the status of all the Subordinate and Pomona Granges under our jurisdiction will automatically be reinstated.

THE LOSS OF OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH GRANGE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Our partnership with the Grange Insurance Association was conducted through a "Supportive Membership Endorsement and Marketing Services Agreement". This agreement was managed by the National Grange, with consent of the State Masters of the seven operating states.

For nearly 25 years, this agreement was in place, which provided funds for the National Grange and each of the State Granges where GIA operated. Per the agreement, GIA would pay the National Grange a specified amount and the National Grange would use a formula to determine how much each of the State

Granges would receive. In the first few years of the agreement, the Washington State Grange was receiving approximately \$1 million. These funds were to supplement the loss of fraternal membership dues as GIA policy holders no longer needed to be fraternal Grange members.

Over the course of several years, the amount kept dropping each year until 2025, when the Washington State Grange received approximately \$180,000. In October 2025, we received a letter from the Grange Insurance Association informing us that they would be voting to change their bylaws regarding their status as a mutual holding company. The vote to change their bylaws was approved by the policy holders in December. Effective July 1, 2026, the Grange Insurance Association is rebranding to Granwest Insurance. Our relationship with a company we started in 1894 will no longer be serving the needs of Grange members across the western states.

STATE GRANGE BUDGET

The State Grange Executive Committee addressed the loss of \$180,000 in revenue when they developed the 2026 general fund budget. Our face-to-face December meeting was long and arduous. We could have taken the funds to balance the budget out of reserves, but an organization such as ours can only do that for so long. The committee certainly didn't want to obtain a line of credit, which is what we had to do to our bills within my first three months in office. We chose to be realistic with a combination of increased revenues and decreased expenditures. If we had not been realistic and diligent in our efforts, we would have found ourselves in a similar situation as the State of Washington is now facing with their budget deficit.

On the revenue side, the Executive Committee made the following adjustments:

- The dues increase approved in 2025 was going into effect, giving us an additional \$60,000
- Administration fees on all accounts would be better implemented. Fees previously unpaid from prior years would be reimbursed to the State Grange
- Interest would be charged on all unpaid balances, including dues, billings, etc
- Increase the sales of Grange Supplies
- Implementation of a Convention Registration Fee for all attendees, which is partially offset by the elimination of the delegate registration fee
- Building Tenants would have a slight increase in rental fees

On the expenditures side, the following adjustments were made:

- Payments to Pomona Granges for Pomona Dues were temporarily suspended
- Printing only six issues of the Grange News (January, March, May, July, September, and November) rather than ten each year
- Elimination of one full-time staff position at the State Grange Office, saving salary, benefits, etc,
- Delegate mileage payments for the WA State Grange Convention were temporarily suspended
- Suspend housing reimbursement for officers, deputies, directors, etc. for the WA State Grange Convention
- Eliminate printing of convention dockets and make the information available online for delegates
- Distribute printed copies of the WA State Grange Roster only to State Officers, State Directors, and Deputies. The roster will be made available via pdf format
- Department packets, the Legislative Handbook, the Program Handbook and Secretaries handbook available only in an online format.
- Deputy Conference would only be two days, rather than three days
- Honorariums for department directors would be revised
- Renegotiation of office contracts – copy machine, postage meter, HVAC, elevator, landscaping, etc.

The combination of increased revenues and decreased expenditures assisted the committee in preparing a balanced budget for 2026. While not everyone is happy with the outcome, it was necessary to address this now rather than “kick the can” down the road and have to address a larger problem in coming years.

THE STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION

The Washington State Grange Foundation serves as the 501(c)3 arm of the Washington State Grange. In 2025, the foundation updated their bylaws for the first time since the original bylaws in 1963. We also updated the Articles of Incorporation. Updating these two items will allow the foundation to better meet the needs of the State, Pomona, and Subordinate Granges across the State.

Traditionally, the State Grange Foundation administers the scholarship program for the WA State Grange. This year, the foundation awarded 26 scholarships to Grange members totaling \$34,750. The foundation also administers the King Memorial Junior Grange Camping Fund, the Needy Campship Fund, and the Youth Education Fund, which supports many of our youth fairs programs.

To better meet the financial needs of the Washington State Grange, the foundation developed a Fund-Raising Committee. The committee, consisting of Rusty and Jacquie Hunt, Kent and Carolyn Hojem, Jesse Taylor, and myself, will be sharing information later this week on our plans

for the coming year to increase revenues for the foundation and the State Grange. We are working on a Planned Giving Program and recently set up a bank account to collect funds for the foundation. When this committee reports later in this session, we ask you keep an open mind and support their goals and plans. This committee is working to diversity our revenue sources and increasing Grange awareness across the state.

YOUTH FAIRS PROGRAM

We are in our sixth year of the Grange Youth Fairs Program in our state. The program continues to grow and spread to Granges in additional counties. We are continuing to promote this program to our Granges and the fairs. It can be a tedious task as our fairs operate in many different formats.

We are up to 16 fairs with Youth Fairs Program participation of various levels in 2026. Those fairs and their participating Granges are:

- ❖ Milton Freewater (OR) Junior Livestock Show – Prospect Point Grange
- ❖ Southwest Washington Spring Youth Fair (Chehalis) – Fargher Lake Grange
- ❖ Clark County Fair (Ridgefield) – Barberton, Fargher Lake, Fern Prairie, and Mountain Valley Granges
- ❖ Grays Harbor County Fair (Elma) – Elma, Humptulips, and North River Granges
- ❖ Grant County Fair (Moses Lake) – White Trail and Moses Lake Granges
- ❖ North Central Washington Fair (Waterville) – St. Andrews, East Wenatchee, Manson, and Bee Hive Granges
- ❖ Northeast Washington Fair (Colville) – Addy, Kettle River, Stranger Creek, Fort Colville, and Selkirk Valley Granges
- ❖ Benton Franklin Fair (Kennewick) – Freedom Grange
- ❖ Walla Walla Fair and Frontier Days (Walla Walla) – Prospect Point and Waitsburg Granges
- ❖ Chelan County Fair (Cashmere) – Manson, East Wenatchee, Bee Hive, and Chumstick Granges
- ❖ Kittitas County Fair (Ellensburg) – Menastash Grange
- ❖ Columbia County Fair (Dayton) – Waitsburg Grange
- ❖ Columbia Valley Junior Livestock Show (Connell) – Freedom Grange
- ❖ Ferry County Fair (Republic) – Kettle River, San Poil, and Malo Granges
- ❖ Othello Fair (Othello) – Freedom, Moses Lake, and White Trail Granges
- ❖ Pend Oreille County Fair (Cusick) – Selkirk Valley Grange

We can also add the Clallam County Youth Livestock Show with participants from Sequim Prairie and Dry Creek Granges. Though not an official “fair” that received state funding, the show provided a similar educational opportunity for Grange youth participation.

The Grange Youth Livestock Judging Contest was held in September at the Othello Fair. We had nearly 30 youth participants in contest. The Othello Fair was extremely supportive of our inclusion in their fair. We will again hold this year’s contest at the Othello Fair on Friday, September 18, 2026. All youth and Junior Grange members from across the state are invited to participate. Thank you to the Youth Education Fund of the Washington State Grange Foundation for sponsoring the awards for the event.

At this convention, we have several fair-type events for our youth:

- Educational Poster Contest – Grange youth from across the state are bringing their posters to this convention for judging and awarding of prize money. The posters will be on display in Building C.
- Record Book Contest – we have Grange record books here at the convention for the first time. You are invited to check out what the kids are learning from looking through their record books in Building C.
- Public Speaking – both the Youth and the Juniors will compete on Friday afternoon with prepared speeches and impromptu speeches

To deal with the management of the Grange Youth Fairs Program and to look at updates for the program, I will be appointing a State Grange Youth Fairs Program Management Team to review suggestions and make recommendations for the program. I am looking for five Grange members to serve on this team. I want to include all project areas....livestock, small animals, horticulture, other still life...and as many different counties as possible on this team. The team will meet via Zoom and look at changes and updates to the program. Nominations for this program management team should be submitted to me at the State Grange Office. We will start meeting this fall, after the completion of our busy fair season.

YOUR STATE GRANGE DIRECTORS AND STAFF

As mentioned earlier, we are working with two full-time office staff members. Sophia, Nancy, and I have all assumed additional duties that were once covered by six full-time staff members. When you call the office, please be patient as we may not get the phone on the first or second ring. If you come into the office, ring the bell and one of us will be out to greet you.

I don’t think many Grange members understand the amount of work completed by Sophia and Nancy. They are both here this week. I encourage you to stop by and thank them for their dedication to the Grange.

I also cannot forget to mention our appointed directors. Jerry Gwin continues leading the Youth Department and we are currently looking for potential successors. Heather Ferguson retired as our Junior Grange and Community Service Director. Leslie Wells took on the Community Service Department and Jacob and Tessa Gwin accepted the position of Junior Grange Directors. Jesse Taylor continues to represent us extremely well as our Legislative Lobbyist.

Please join me in thanking your staff and directors for their long hours of hard work and dedication to the Grange.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

As I enter my final year as your State Grange President....yes I said final year as I am not planning to be a candidate for reelection next year....we must remember that no stone be left unturned.

Specific actions for next year include:

- ❖ Completion of annual financial reviews of the Washington State Grange and the Washington State Grange Foundation, with timely filings for reinstatement of 501(c)3 and 501(c)8 nonprofit status.

- ❖ Utilization of the State Grange Foundation to diversify the funding sources of the State Grange, along with Subordinate and Pomona Granges across the state for both capital improvements and programming.
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- ❖ Increased promotion and participation in the Youth and Junior Grange Legislative Experience in Olympia.
- ❖ Expansion of the Grange Youth Fairs Program to additional counties; Increasing the participation from our Granges; Identifying Granges where the fair has expressed interest in having Grange Youth involvement.
- ❖ Further integration of youth fairs program activities into the fraternal Grange activities, and vice versa.
- ❖ Reintroduction of the Grange into communities where the Grange once thrived.

A PERSONAL NOTE

Personally, this has been a difficult year. We've had to deal with poor behavior in many of our Subordinate and Pomona Granges. Many of our Grange leaders don't want to follow the State Grange Bylaws or the National Grange Digest of Laws. We have these documents in place for a reason, but we also must demonstrate the willingness to work together, as Grangers, for the benefit of the Grange. Early in my tenure as your State Grange President, I was told by one of the elders, "If we follow the bylaws, we can't go wrong".

Family wise, Mom had a fall two days after we returned from the Idaho State Grange Convention. She suffered a broken arm, which affected her balance and ability to stand and walk. She spent a month in rehab, while I took Jerry with me to the National Grange Convention aboard the cruise ship. While she and Jerry are fine during the day, we no longer leave them overnight. If I have a commitment and can't be there overnight, Jacob and Tessa fill in. I have been commuting back and forth to Humptulips nearly every day.

Both Mom and Jerry are here this week. I also need to acknowledge the support given to me by my family by Aaron, Nikki, and Babies June and Maisy, Kennedy, Jacob and Tessa – thank you for being a listening board and keeping me focused on the task at hand. To the members of my own Grange, Humptulips, and the members of Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona, thank you for understanding that I cannot participate in all your activities as I have other Granges that need some attention.

To the Grangers across the state, thank you for allowing me to serve as your State President, as we work to create programs and opportunities for Grangers statewide. While we are the current caretakers of this great organization, it behooves us to prepare the organization for the future. One day, we will all be gone. But this organization can and will be here. There will be new leaders, new programs, and different activities. Thank you for the great opportunity to serve this organization.

Fraternaly Submitted,
Tom Gwin
President, Washington State Grange

Officer & Department Reports

VICE PRESIDENT

To the President, Officers & Delegates,



Thank you for allowing me to represent you as the Vice President of the Washington State Grange.

As the new member of the Executive Committee there has been a lot of catching up to do. I appreciate the executive committee allowing me to ask questions and share my opinions.

With the loss of a major supporter and the funding donation they gave us, the budget was a challenge that set us back financially. This was something that made for difficult decisions and a lot of changes in how we do business for 2026.

I'm anxious for the future! Mainly because we have had to get creative and start thinking about new ways of doing things. This has led us to try new things and allowing us to consider ideas outside of the normal "Grange Way" of doing things. Where there are things that we have lost and I'm sure there will be ideas that don't work but I believe through these financial trials we will emerge with a resolve and purpose that will make us stronger in the future

Fraternally, Rusty Hunt

LECTURER

Worthy President and Grange Brothers and Sisters,

What an honor to be elected last convention to serve as your State Lecturer. It has been an awarding year traveling to Granges across the state that have invited me into their halls to fellowship with members on a personal level. To sit, listen, and visit with members over both rewarding experiences and common struggles at continuing Grange programming when growth is not happening.



Being welcomed in to help Grangers celebrate hundred-year anniversaries, leading a Creative Writing workshop, dances full of smiles and laughter with fellow Grangers of all ages, jovial bingo games in two different Pomona Granges, and judging Heirloom apples and ending up forming an impromptu Lecturer's program that began with three people and ended with nineteen people that had wandered in and were participating!

An alliance was formed with State Family Living Director, Debbie Fisch, where we found we were also kindred spirits. Together we breached the technical world and Zoomed jointly each month this year to offer fun and friendly programming and show our support with open question and answer discussions with fellow members across the state. This has helped our departments be more transparent and show teamwork at its best.

I also invited Grangers and community members to be part of my live audience during these Zooms which made it fun, lively, and interactive. Christine Hamp, National Grange President and fellow Washington State Granger joined me live from Western Regionals Leadership Development which proved to be hilarious when she rolled in

on her tricycle depicting our “Rolling Roadshot” photography class but we didn’t have the mic on and had to do a retake! This depicts that Grange programming should not only be educational and informative, but it should also be engaging and fun.

Discovering wonderful Grangers, Anita Mastin, Steve Dalton, Jacquie Hunt, and Erin Stelljes, that stepped up to be my awesome and wonderful teammates in the Lecturer’s Department. They spent hours during the off season helping with reorganizing the Lecturer’s contests and will continue to do so to keep the slate of contests fresh and perhaps challenging. A heartfelt thanks to my daughter, Sara Wade, who provides the department with her digital art talents at keeping our department stickers and programming ads up to date and graphically alluring.

I want to thank all the Granges and Grangers for their dedication and the time and work it took to enter and display Grange booths at their local county and state fairs across the state this past summer and fall. It was a pure joy to open your fair booth booklets and absorb all the wonderful displays that were put together with talent and effort and see you show how proud you are of Grange!

Lecturer’s both Subordinate and Pomona, thank you for submitting your annual reports for 2025. It is both helpful and rewarding to review these and make note of what is working and what the Lecturer’s Department can improve on in the coming year from these. Keep reporting and remember you can also contact me anytime during the year with questions, concerns, or suggestions. I love hearing from fellow Grangers.

Whether walking down the driveway and opening my mailbox or logging on to my email and opening my inbox to find fellow talented creative writers both in short story and poetry it has been a delight to read your work. Creative Writing never gets old as there is always new stories to be written or read, thank you for sharing!

New this year the Lecturer Department will showcase all the talents at the State Convention. Fair Booth booklets, Lecturer Reports, Creative Writing, Pomona Best of Classes Arts and Crafts, and Photography will all be judged prior to or at convention, awarded with ribbon, and on display for all attendees to enjoy seeing and hopefully being inspired by them as well.

State results of all contests will be in the Convention Journal of Proceedings and will be published in the Grange News issue following Convention. Thank you once again for the honor to serve as your State Lecturer. I look forward to continuing to do my best at offering educational and fun programming and highlighting the talents of ALL members.

Fraternally, Claudine Mincks

STEWARD

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,



Welcome to Mt Vernon. If you need any assistance or have questions, please feel free to ask me or one of our Deputies. We are here to assist you.

It has been my honor to serve as your Steward. I have had the opportunity to represent the State of Washington in many activities, including presenting 50-year membership awards, attending Junior Grange camp, county fairs, installing officers, present workshops, and help Granges as needed.

It has been a busy year. I attended the National Grange Convention, Western Regions conference, and the National Grange Leadership conference. The time spent with fellow Grangers is a reminder that the Grange is more than our meeting halls. The Grange is a fraternity. It is sisters and brothers helping our

communities and each other. I experienced this at our regional conference. I needed help driving home and many fellow Grangers offered to go out of their way and help me. That is what Grange is, family and fellowship.

The duty of Steward is to “learn the qualification of new laborers, assign them to their proper places and set them at work.” I encourage all of you to be good Stewards in your Grange. Mentor a new member and encourage your fellow members to become an active participant in your Grange. The more active a Grange is the more we grow. And as we grow, let us remember the Grange is not one person – it is all of us. Together, we make a stronger fraternity. Let’s work together to make this a dynamic year for the Grange.

“Together, we grow. Together, we lead the way forward.”

Fraternally, Tom Cullen

ASSISTANT STEWARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the 2026 Washington State Grange Convention at the Skagit County Fairgrounds. We were last here back in 2018. I attended that convention as a first-time delegate without a clue of what was happening. I was fortunate to make new friends that explained what was happening on the delegate floor. So, for you first time delegates, if you are unsure, I encourage you to quietly ask those people around you. Chances are you will find someone that can share their knowledge and possibly make some new friends.



This past year has disappeared. At the local Grange, we got home from state convention and jumped into July preparing our seed display for the Grant County Fair in August and the Othello Fair in September. The fair is one of the best times of the year seeing our Youth Fairs members showing off their hard work with crafts, posters, and animal projects. It is a blessing watching the growth the kids have made over the last year.

At the National Grange level, my wife Brittney and I were asked to be the National Grange Youth Fairs Coordinators. I had the pleasure of being Brittney’s sounding board as we successfully updated the National Grange Youth Fairs Handbook. The Youth Fairs program has saved and invigorated many Granges across our state. We are working to make the program’s potential more readily available to other State Granges.

Our Moses Lake Grange #1151 January remodeling project drug out into February. We turned our men’s restroom into an ADA accessible restroom. But it took some perseverance. What we thought would be a quick turnaround, developed into more as the entire subfloor ended up needing replaced. With the help of one faithful member that was there every day we worked, and with some additional help from our other members, the job got done.

This past May, I was stretched in a new way. Our Grange, for the first time ever, hosted a candidate forum for the U.S. 4th Congressional District. All parties attended, Democrat, Republican, and Independent. The ground rules were laid out that issues-based questions would be asked and we wanted to hear how the candidates would work on solving specific issues. When it was all said and done, I can remember one member of the public in a very bright partisan shirt say, how did you do it? There were Republicans and Democrats in the same room and it did not turn into a shouting match. That is the Grange way, focus on the issues, let people share their opinions following Robert’s Rule of Order, and at the end of the day after the discussion is over, we can still be friends over a cookie and a coffee.

I am looking forward to spending the week with you at this year's convention, and we in the Central District are busy preparing for the 2027 convention in Yakima.

Fraternally Submitted, Jonny Pittman

LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD

To the Officers and Members of the 2026 Washington State Grange Convention,



Welcome to Mount Vernon! It has been an absolute honor to serve another year as your Lady Assistant Steward. I am happy to report what I have been up to this past year.

My local Grange has been working on doing more activities in our Grange and we are working on building a website to build better accessibility and public connection. Last spring, Haynie Grange received one of the Capital Grants from the legislature and is working on getting the projects started. Last summer I got to visit Mayfield Junior Grange Camp, and I am looking forward to Camp Cornet Bay this July.

In November, I got the opportunity to go on the cruise with part of my family to National Convention as the National Youth Vice President. With which we participated in a Leadership Academy at Sea., that had daily workshops teaching us different topics to make us reflect on ourselves and become better leaders. It is always a pleasure to see other Grangers from around the Nation, getting to spend evenings learning new card games, and sightseeing around the beautiful Caribbean Islands.

Early this year when attending the State Officer and Deputy Conference, a nationally rolled out program called the Performance Improvement Planning (P.I.P.) was introduced to us and I had the honor of being paired to work with and mentor a Grange in Whatcom County. I have since attended a meeting with them and started working to build S.M.A.R.T. goals with them to help build membership by increasing Grange activities and public awareness. I am excited to continue to work with them and see the progress they make through the PIP program.

Western Regionals in Boise, ID this spring was a flourish with some amazing tours and workshops. Went to the Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial and the Old Idaho Penitentiary, both of which told terrible stories of people's rights and the cause and effect of people's actions. The workshops taught about the importance of embracing the past and the knowledge made in that time while also growing through it. From a human trafficking presentation, which showed a special working dog that smells the chemical in electronics find everyday objects offenders hide, and cooking demonstrations to a workshop on volunteer burnout and California's Empower to Thrive program, there was much to learn. I am excited to continue to go out and use what was learned at the conference to help Granges thrive.

On a personal note, not much has changed this last year, I am just living my best life.
Fraternally, Alexis Kudsk

CHAPLAIN

Worthy President, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,

I'm excited to return to the Skagit Valley with its rich agricultural history, for the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. In 1895, the Washington State Legislature allowed landowners to organize into diking districts, which were responsible for maintaining the dikes and protecting the farmland behind the dikes. Early non-native settlers found success with oats, hay, barley, and potatoes. Later



vegetable seed, hops, green peas, strawberries, rhubarb, tulips, and daffodils became vital crops. Dike failures were common, and flooding along the Skagit river was (and remains) frequent. Today, about 90,000 acres in the floodplain are classified as farmland and Skagit County is responsible for 3% of the state's agriculture sales.

As a member of the Grange Legislative Advisory Committee and the Agriculture Standing Committee, focusing on 16 Ag related topics, I enjoy learning from my involvement on these committees and from the other very knowledgeable members.

On my visits to other Granges this year, I've discovered that there is some confusion about how we conduct the Grange Memorial Service. The Memorial Service program lists the names of Subordinate Grange past masters and the spouses of past masters, but their eulogies will not be read. The names of past and present State Grange Deputies and their spouses; State Grange Officers and their spouses will also be listed in the program; their eulogies will be read. Copies of the eulogies will be available for the family or a member of their Grange to pick up and give to the family if they aren't able to attend. If you have any questions about the process, would like more clarification, or if you have any other questions, please come and see me.

Last year someone approached me with a question, "Why do we say "Amen" at the end of a prayer". If you can tell me the answer, come see me, they'll be something sweet in it for you. If unsure, you can find the answer in the Bible, demerits for using Google.

I encourage all of you to attend the Memorial Service on Wednesday afternoon to show respect to the families of the Grange members that passed this year and their Grange families as they deal with the loss.

Faternally, Carolyn Hojem

TREASURER



Brothers and Sisters – my heart was truly lifted when you once again entrusted me with the honor of serving as Treasurer for our Washington State Grange. As a 50-year member, I've always aspired to serve this organization with purpose, integrity, and deep respect for its legacy. As we gather for our 137th Annual Session, my commitment remains as strong as ever.

In this time when our great country continues to experience troubling division and uncertainty, the Grange stands out as a steady and principled voice. We rise above the partisan conflicts of the moment; focusing instead on the real needs of our local communities, the people of Washington State, and Rural America as a whole. In today's social and political climate, the relevance of the Grange has never been clearer. When many organizations are pulled toward one side or another, the Grange remains firmly rooted in its non-partisan mission, with neighbors helping neighbors, communities supporting communities, and members working together for the common good. ***That's the Grange!***

By reaffirming our grassroots purpose and the values that have sustained us for generations, our local Granges not only endure—they grow in importance. Through the implementation of the **PIP** program, your state leaders have partnered with selected Granges to strengthen the foundation upon which the Patrons of Husbandry was built. This past year I had the privilege of working closely with two Granges to help identify some missing or forgotten building blocks that have kept us vital, relevant, and resilient since 1889 here in Washington State. If you are interested in participating in the PIP program, please reach out to your County or local Deputy, or the President of the WSG.

Thank you for your stewardship and for your support for the important work we all do. I appreciate this continued opportunity to serve.

Fraternally, Denise McCartan

SECRETARY

Worthy President, Brothers and Sisters of the Washington State Grange,



Welcome to the 2026 Washington State Grange Convention in Mount Vernon, WA. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Secretary for the past year. I look forward to both the challenges and opportunities of this office in the coming year.

I have continued to grow as a leader and a Granger through my work at Executive Committee Meetings and my participation in the Leadership Conference as both a State Officer and a Pomona President. These activities, in addition to the use of Smart Goals through the PIP program developed by the National Grange, have allowed me to work closely with Granges that are growing and/or revitalizing in my area, as a mentor and to them connect them with other experts in different aspects of the Grange. I am proud to witness the efforts and accomplishments of the members of Garden City Grange and Mansford Grange, who continue to persevere for the benefit of their community and Grange. I have had the pleasure of working closely with the members of both these Granges and will continue to support their hard work moving forward.

I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing team of staff, dedicated to the progress of the Junior Grange Camping program in the Northern District. We have worked hard to ensure the successful merge of Cornet Bay Junior Grange Camp and Mayfield Junior Grange Camp. This program has had a direct impact on the members and leaders of the Washington State Grange today, and I am committed to seeing it grow and adapt so it can continue to impact and introduce our future leaders to the Grange.

While my report details my Grange activities as your State Secretary, none of these things are a one-person job. I have the pleasure of working with the staff at Headquarters, who are to be commended for their dedication to the crucial work they do to keep things running smoothly, especially with all the changes this year. I get to work with an amazing Camp board and staff to rebuild the Junior camp program in our area. I have the opportunity to mentor and learn from Granges in my area. I urge you to remember that we are a fraternal order of Brothers and Sisters, that can accomplish great things when we come together for the betterment of our communities and the Order.

On to the past year for growth in our Grange membership and Anniversaries that have been celebrated, from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, we have gained:

15 - Silver Star Members: 68 - Golden Sheaf Members: and 5 - 75 years: June Hampton-Bee Hive Grange #385, Jim Hatley-Whelan-Ewartsville Grange #114, Stella Hinderer-Whelan-Ewartsville Grange #114, Richard Claussen-Hope Grange #155, William A. Tucker-Fargher Lake Grange #853

5 – 80 Years: June Hampton-Bee Hive Grange #385, Kenneth Surdyk-South Lake Stevens Grange #690, Robert Heller-Ten Mile Grange #399, Jennell Branson-Moran Prairie Grange #161, Louise Branson-Moran Prairie Grange #161

2 – 85 Years: Irene Miller-Tripp-Newaukum Grange #198 & Lorraine Mills-Happy Valley Grange #322

Lifetime Members: Gained 8 in 2025 making a total of 798.

Total Membership Overall: Regular Members - 8257 (which include: Individual, Family Members, Associate, and Affiliate Members), Golden Sheafs – 1470 and Jr + 1's - 1180 for a **Total Membership of – 10,907**

With that, let us celebrate our progress this year and take a look at the Our Grange Membership and Anniversaries.

Fraternally, Isabella Lierman

GATEKEEPER

Greetings Delegates, Members, and Guests,



I have spent nearly a year as your Washington State Grange Gatekeeper. I have dedicated a good deal of time to visiting several Granges to try to give assistance in their efforts to move in a more active direction. Success rarely comes without an investment of time and almost never without effort, but I feel that I have been able to give some aid in a small way. There is work for all in our fraternity.

As Gatekeeper, it is my duty to guard the outer gate. Because we meet in session for only a few days per year, I choose to interpret that metaphorically. Gates can keep people or things in and gates can keep people or things out. We should strive to keep within our boundaries a sense of purpose, a generosity of spirit, and a bond of understanding with our sisters and brothers. We ought to try to keep beyond our borders unproductive animosity, petty resentments, and personal antagonism. That is not to say all will agree on every point, nor should we. A variety of viewpoints respectfully argued can make the final product stronger for having been placed through rigorous scrutiny and inspired amendment. But we must always remember that issues come and go while the participants remain. Keep the ties of fraternity on the inside of the gate.

While a gate can serve as a barrier, it can also function as a point of connection by being the focus of interchange. Opening a gate can be the means to discharge the unwelcome or the opportunity to allow the entry of fresh and beneficial individuals and ideas. We ought to remember to open our gates to the well-meaning, the industrious, the thoughtful, and all those who might improve our work. We must swing wide our gates to those who are of good intent. Once our ideas or products are polished from work inside our gates, we can use those gates to share with those in larger society.

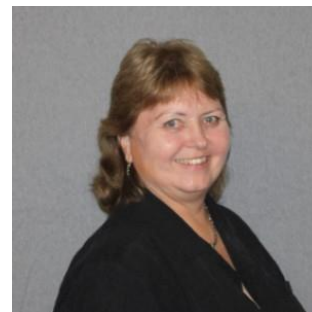
Some aspects of our work are necessarily limited to those with the direct stake of membership, but that does not mean our emotional and social gates cannot serve as connectors rather than barriers. Each of us can be a gatekeeper in our lives and in our organization. May our convention be an exercise of keeping in the positive, keeping out the negative, and serving as a connection to new people and ideas.

Fraternally, Jarrod Gardner

CERES

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mt Vernon and the 137th annual session of the Washington State Grange. I am looking forward to everything that the Northern District has planned for the week, I know they have been working very hard to make this a successful convention.



I had the opportunity to attend the Mayfield Junior Grange Camp last summer and I had a wonderful time. I loved seeing the Juniors doing the floor work, that was one of the first things I learned in the Grange. My brother, sister,

and I were charter members of the South Union Junior Grange #335. Patty and I were not quite 5 years old, so I literally grew up in the Grange. It is my prayer that the Juniors I saw at Mayfield Junior Camp get as much from the Grange as my family and I have.

I am looking forward to a week of fellowship, fun and work as the delegates debate the resolutions before the body and make decisions that will guide the Grange in the years to come. That people with such disparate backgrounds can come together and speak with one voice and to have that voice heard is what makes this organization so unique. It is truly an example of the motto: In essentials—Unity; in non-essential—Liberty; in all things—Charity.

Faternally, Pam Mathews

POMONA

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,

I would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as the Washington State Pomona. This is my third year in this office, and I have loved every second of it.



This year has been packed with so many amazing opportunities. I helped last summer in Washtucna at their annual Neighbors Meeting. I helped the Rimrock Grange with handing out cooked corn. I also went to the Othello Fair during the State Grange Livestock Judging contest. I participated in that and also handed out banners and medals to the winning teams and individuals and was proud of my last-place attempt at judging the livestock, but at least I tried.

During Christmas time, I helped Ralston Grange with their annual Christmas potluck and played as one of the 12 Days of Christmas. I went to Moses Lake Grange to help with their Installation of Officers. It was fun to be on the other side of that. Headed over to Yakima for the Officer and Deputy Conference. Got to celebrate with my Great Great Aunt as she got her 90th Year Grange Member pin and certificate, that was such an incredible experience, and I hope to make it to my 90th year. Went to White Trail Grange to award them their Grange in Action award. I got the opportunity to travel to Boise for the Western Regional Leadership Conference and had a fantastic time there, meeting so many new Grangers and listening to some incredible speakers. Headed over to Pullman to their Farmers Market to help at the Grange Booth, handing out Kid Bucks. Then, over to Windsor Grange in Spokane to assist with any needs they had, we helped them brainstorm some ideas on how to try to get more members to join their Grange. Of course, I can't forget the meetings that I attended at Rimrock Grange in Washtucna and Ralston Grange. I am so appreciative of all the opportunities I had this year, and I got to learn more and become a better Granger.

Now on to a few things about me. This year, I decided to stop working as a 911 dispatcher in August of 2025; it was a tough but overall good decision. I got married in late September, and it turned out truly wonderful, and I'm excited to see what the future holds for us. I started babysitting for an incredible family and an awesome 2-year-old. My husband and I have made the very difficult choice of moving to Burley, ID, and will move in mid-June. I plan on finishing my 2-year term as State Pomona and passing it on to a well-deserving person in 2027. My goal for this next year is not to slow down. I have had so many incredible opportunities and Grange memories that I hope I get just as many, if not more, next year. Thank you all again for allowing me to be the Washington State Pomona, and I hope to see you all this week.

Faternally, Jordanne Beck

FLORA

Welcome to Beautiful Mt. Vernon for the 137th Annual Convention!



It has been my continued honor to serve as your Washington State Grange Flora. I look forward to a very successful convention this year with all the fellowship that convention brings.

This past year has been full of many firsts for me. I took part in the first National Grange Convention on a Cruise Ship with my daughter and son-in-law. I got my first Passport and left the US for the first time. I also had the honor to be acting Lecturer in the closing of the National Grange one day. It was an amazing experience to wear the

National lecturer sash, even for that short time.

At home, I continue to serve our awesome Pierce County Pomona #16, as Vice President. Our focus this year is the continued effort to strengthen, encourage, and support our 10 Granges. We have held several open houses to educate the public on our wonderful organization. Our Pomona travels the county, meeting at a different Grange each month and honoring a Granger of the month to be showcased at our annual banquet in October. We continue to hold the 1st through 5th Degrees annually and have the privilege to present the 5th degree this year in Mount Vernon.

Additionally, I continue to serve as Collins Grange Treasurer, Camp Cornet (Cornfield) Jr. Grange Director, Pierce County Pomona Kitchen Co-Director, and continue to be involved in the Washington State Fair agriculture booth displays for Collins Grange and the Washington State Junior Grange Display.

For the last 29 years, I have enjoyed working full time as an LPN nurse with MultiCare. For the past 7 years at Primary care of Puyallup. I also work weekend shifts at Puget Sound Assisted Living, working with developmentally delayed and severely medically handicapped adults, helping them remain as independent as possible. As always, it takes a team or what I call my Grange Family. There are so many Grangers that need to be thanked for their continued support. To the many Grangers that have given advice and assistance whenever needed, Thank you!

Thank you to our Rose Drill captain Janelle Lierman who put in many hours with the team, even participating in the drill! (now that is going above and beyond). Thank you to Cindy and Alexis Kudsk and Bella Lierman who keep "Momma Jen" from losing her mind! A huge thank you to our soloist Shawn Knott, for sharing with us his beautiful voice. Thank you to my son, Nicholas Oliver for producing our music and his creative drills. Although he is not here in person he continues to share his talents with the Grange.

Finally, a huge thank you to the Rose drill Team. They have given up their weekends, time and talent to ensure we have a successful Rose Drill. I hope you enjoy their presentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Washington State Grange Flora and I look forward to a great convention!

Fraternaly, Jennifer Oliver

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Worthy President, Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,



Welcome to Mount Vernon and the 137th Annual Convention. Having served as your Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Committee member, and Vice President, I am pleased to once again be on right side of convention.

The last time we gathered here, in 2018, was my first year as an elected member of the Executive Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as a State Officer since 1996. It has been both an honor and a privilege.

I want to recognize the staff of the Washington State Grange and thank them for their hard work. We are fortunate to have such capable, talented, and dedicated individuals serving us from the Olympia office.

This week is especially important as we make decisions that will shape the effectiveness of our organization for years to come. I wish you wisdom, clarity, and decisiveness as you consider the many proposals and resolutions before us.

I hope you have a productive and enjoyable convention, and I look forward to seeing you all.

Fraternally,
David Bryant

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

To the Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange:

Welcome to Mount Vernon and the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve on your State Grange Executive Committee. This last year has been a whirl wind!

Fall of 2025 brought a busy fair season. Highlights included preparing the Moses Lake Grange seed display and organizing the judging of record books and posters for the growing Grange Youth Fairs Program at the Grant County and Othello Fairs. We also partnered with the Othello Fair to hold a successful Washington State Grange Livestock Judging Contest. Mark your calendars to help us grow participation this year on Friday, September 18th at the Othello fair!

In November, Jonny, my mother, and I attended the National Grange Session at sea. As first-time cruisers, it was a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Grangers from across the country throughout the voyage. We also thoroughly enjoyed the spectacular views and adventures on the ABC islands.

This Spring has been action packed. Locally at Moses Lake Grange #1151, we hosted our first ever candidate's forum for the 4th US Congressional District. It was a success, with lots of community engagement via question submittals, 5 of the 7 candidates were present, and a crowd of about 50 attended.

In May, I joined Bob Shea and Jordanne Beck to visit McIntosh Grange (Rockford) and Windsor Grange (Spokane). Both Granges have beautiful halls, in great locations. We discussed what makes their communities unique and the



types of events/activities that could help foster membership growth. I look forward to continuing to work with these Granges.

Professionally, I continue to work full-time as a Project Manager and Licensed Professional Civil Engineer for Storhaug Engineering, overseeing residential and commercial developments in Washington and Idaho. I am also a member of the Warden City Council, a role that keeps me connected to local municipal governance.

On the Executive Committee, I'm able to apply my professional experience to the property and hall-related matters that come before us. By utilizing my knowledge of municipal codes, construction standards, and land use planning; I strive to offer sound, technical guidance to our local Granges. It is a privilege to use these professional tools to advocate for the proper stewardship and long-term preservation of our Grange properties statewide.

My executive duties were expanded this year, as internal disputes and disagreements within Granges seems to be on the rise. We must come together as Grangers and realize that our strength lies in our solidarity. We must return to the core principles of our order and remember our guiding motto: *In Essentials, Unity; In Non-Essentials, Liberty; In All Things, Charity*. By prioritizing cooperation over conflict, we can move past individual differences and focus on our shared mission to serve our communities.

Let's work together to have an engaging, productive and fun session! I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing all about your Grange successes this past year!

Fraternally, Brittney Pittman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Washington State Grange,



I see Grange continuing to adapt to and provide a necessary and needed role in our communities. Establishing leadership and support is essential for the Grange at all levels. I am proud to be a lifetime Grange member.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as a State Officer. Thank you.

Fraternally, Rick Ferguson

FAMILY LIVING DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Officers, Delegates, and fellow members of Washington State Grange,

I am so happy to welcome you to the 137th Annual Convention! It has been a whirlwind year full of new things to learn, overcoming challenges, and meeting new people and new Granges. I would like to thank everyone that has been so kind to me and advised me on many things related to the Family Living Department. Tom Gwin usually responds well to my text or email, "do you have a moment? I have a question". The State office has been great as well. Many thanks to Sophia Keller, Nancy Drake, and Ferol Max! And Helen Berg, former Family Living Director, deserves mention as well. Hopefully next year there will be fewer typing errors in all the forms. Thank you all!



The state officers have been asked to reach out and help Granges under the PIP program. Rusty Hunt and I have met with Chumstick Grange on several occasions. They now have a Mission Statement and are well on their way to Smart Goals. Their membership is increasing and they have so much potential there in the Bavarian Village of Leavenworth. As a new member, I have learned so much from the long time Grange members and Rusty has been a wealth of information and has great advice as well. He also has some very funny stories that Dianne Cook and I have really enjoyed on our carpooling trips up to Leavenworth.

It has been really fun to visit other Granges in different areas. In March, Mark and I travelled to the Spokane area. We got to have pie on 3.14 for Pie Day at Five Mile Prairie Grange. Then we danced the night away at the 100th Anniversary at Central Grange and attended their celebratory luncheon on Sunday. The highlight is when we invited our niece and her family to the dance. The highlight was dancing with their girls, little Emma Rose and Lilly! They had so much fun!

It has been really great collaborating with State Lecturer Claudine Minks. Our combined Zoom has had really good attendance. We are hoping to continue them in the fall of this year. So, stay tuned for more information.

This year's Grange Contest has some new classes and the format has been updated which hopefully made it easier for all involved. I am very excited that we have over 400 exhibits that have advanced to the State Grange Contest! It is a bit daunting, however our Family Living Team is up for the challenge.

We really look forward to seeing all of you at Convention! Please stop by to say Hi! And if you see Mark with this black tie on, ask to see the picture on the back of Mark & Jerissa when she was little. It was a special Wedding gift to Mark from his little girl!

Fraternally, Debbie Fisch

COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Officers and Delegates of the Washington State Grange,

The position as your Community Service Director can be both challenging and rewarding. The challenge involves offering ideas for your members and Granges in the "world" of Community Service. I've tried to accomplish this using my columns in Grange News to offer suggestions and highlighting projects that some Granges are doing. The reward has been hearing about your activities and especially reading about your successes.



Our department's Volunteer Recognition Program offers your Grange the opportunity to nominate community members for the following categories: Firefighter/EMT, Teacher, Law Enforcement Officer, Volunteer Group and Grange Member Community Volunteer. I am pleased to share with you the people who will be recognized at the Convention this year.

EMT/Firefighter:	Stacie Poff, Nominated by Sunnyside #129
Teacher:	Aaron Gwin, Nominated by Humptulips #730
Volunteer Group:	Olympia Quiltmakers, Nominated by Brighton Park #163
Grange Member Community Volunteer:	Kara Mathenia, Nominated by Deer Lagoon #846

The Community Service Report is the vehicle used by Granges to share their community involvement activities for the year. The reporting period covers June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026 and this year I received 23 total reports. Grange's reporting included:

Brighten Park #163	Elk Plain #782	Edgewood #266
Fargher Lake #853	Fruitland #999	GH/Pacific Pomona #28
Greenwood Park #590	Happy Valley #322	Horseshoe #965

Humptulips #730
Marion #276
North River #946
Rexville #815
South Union #860

Kellogg Marsh #136
McLane #383
Olympic View #774
Riverside Valley #1047
Washington #82

Logan Hill #1086
Mossyrock #355
Pierce Pomona #16
South Lake Stevens #690

The four Granges that are the finalists, in alphabetical order are:

Fruitland #999

McLane #383

Humptulips #730

North River #946

The actual placement will be announced on Friday June 26th at the Celebration Banquet. My thanks to Carolyn Hojem and Christie Vintelo who assisted with the judging.

I know that we have many more Granges that are involved in their communities and I will continue to offer suggestions for projects in my columns. I hope next year will be more challenging because of many more reports to be reviewed and judged.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact me by phone at 360-306-0905 or email at lesliewells@att.net. Thank you in advance for your continued participation in the world around you!

Faternally,
Leslie Jo Wells

JUNIOR GRANGE DIRECTORS

Worthy President, State Officers, and Members of the Washington State Grange,



Welcome to the 137th Annual Session of the Washington State Grange. We are honored and excited for our first State Session as the Washington State Junior Grange Directors. This opportunity is allowing us to become more involved in Junior Programming outside our home Grange, and we are excited about the new opportunities that are going to be presented to us.

This year has been a busy Grange year for Jacob and me. Jacob recently became President of Humptulips Grange #730. Shortly after becoming President of Humptulips Grange, Jacob had the honor of presenting several membership awards at one of our meetings. He presented awards to some of our members for 25, 40, 50, 55, 65, and 75 years of membership! Congratulations Grangers!

We also continue to be involved with our Junior Grangers, and over spring break helped the Juniors learn about canning and dehydrating food items. They also worked on crafts to enter our contests at State Session and will also have the opportunity to enter these items in the Grays Harbor County Fair this summer. We are also working on planning our three-day Day Camp at Humptulips Grange this summer.

Jacob continues to work for the Post Office, and as busy as he is, he continues to love his job! He is here for all your mail and delivery needs... and even got a sweatshirt for Christmas that says "I am Santa... All year round!". As for me, I started teaching in a new school district this year. In October, I started at Rochester Primary School as a K-2 Special Education Resource teacher. I have had a blast getting to know all my new students and will miss all my second graders as they move onto third grade next year! I look forward to continuing to work with the kindergarteners and first graders I have worked with to see their continued growth. It is amazing what their little minds can do!

We are very excited to see what other Junior Grangers have been up to and are looking forward to seeing all the project entries that will be submitted at State Grange this year! Thank you to all our Junior Grange leaders, Junior Grangers, and families that support this program and encourage our Junior members to continue to grow. Success starts from the bottom, and the more we encourage our young members to be leaders and be involved in their communities, the more growth and success we are going to see!

We have some fun activities planned for this week and cannot wait to see everyone! Let's have yet another great convention!

Fraternally,
Tessa and Jacob Gwin

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Brothers and Sisters,

The State Grange Youth department is working to improve participation in our youth activities both at this session and across the state in all Granges.



The Youth Livestock Judging Contest was held in September in conjunction with the Othello Fair. There were 30 Grange Youth participants. Medals were awarded to the top finishers in each age group, while banners were presented to the top teams. The results are:

Team Placings

First Place – Freedom #1152 – Michael Gimenez, Jonathan Gimenez, David Gimenez, Isaac Klien
Second Place – Moses Lake #1151 – Trevor Sackmann, Lila Sackmann, Carson Yearout, Nia Sackmann
Third Place – Moses Lake #1151 – Ashlynn Bates, Emmalynn Bates, Irelynn Bates, Shelby Manderville
Fourth Place – Freedom #1152 – Dana Chappel, Dianna Chappel, Scarlett Cochran, Kolton Cochran
Fifth Place – Douglas County Pomona #48 – Adalyn Barth, Kelby Barth, Kaegan Clinton

Beginners, age 5-7

First Place – Irelynn Bates, Moses Lake #1151

Juniors, ages 8-10

First Place – Emmalynn Bates, Moses Lake #1151
Second Place – Scarlet Cochran, Freedom #1152
Third Place – Adalyn Barth, East Wenatchee #1012
Fourth Place – Benjamin Howell, Moses Lake #1151
Fifth Place – Robbie Oswalt, Moses Lake #1151
Sixth Place – Kelby Barth, East Wenatchee #1012
Seventh Place – Chase Bourke, White Trail #1143

Pre Teens, ages 11-13

First Place – Nia Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151
Second Place – Isaac Klien, Freedom #1152
Third Place – David Gimenez, Freedom #1152
Fourth Place – Dianna Chappel, Freedom #1152
Fifth Place – Kolton Cochran, Freedom #1152
Sixth Place – Shelby Manderville, Moses Lake #1151
Seventh Place – Sawyer Bates, Moses Lake #1151

Teens, ages 14-19

First Place – Lila Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151
Second Place – Trevor Sackmann, Moses Lake #1151
Third Place – Clinton Kaegan, St. Andrews #836

Fourth Place – Michael Gimenez, Freedom #1152
Fifth Place – Caden Bates, Moses Lake #1151
Sixth Place – Jonathan Gimenez, Freedom #1152
Seventh Place -Ashlynn Bates, Moses Lake #1151
Eighth Place – Dana Chappel, Freedom #1152
Ninth Place – Carson Yearout, Moses Lake #1151
Tenth – Lily Oswalt, Moses Lake #1151

Thank you to the Othello Fair Board and Livestock Committee for allowing us to hold our contest in conjunction with their fair. We also owe a great deal of gratitude to the Grange members assisting with the contest: Brittney Pittman, Jennifer Webb, Jordanne Webb, Jamie Sackmann, and Daria Chappell.

At this session, we will be judging the Youth Educational Posters and Record Books. They will be on display in Building C. The Youth Public Speaking Contest will be on Friday at 1:30 p.m. as well.

The 2026 Western Regional Conference was held in May in Boise, Idaho. Several youth from our state were in attendance. The conference was well planned with a variety of workshops and activities.

The 2025 National Grange Convention was held aboard the Carnival Horizon in November. Four youth from our state were in attendance and served on the National Grange Youth Officer Team: Alexis Kudsk (Haynie Grange) – Overseer; Melissa Kudsk (Haynie Grange) – Lady Assistant Steward; Jacob Smith (Humptulips Grange) – Gatekeeper; and Trevor Kudsk (Haynie Grange) – Executive Committee. The youth department, through the generosity of our members with the sale of raffle tickets and auction items, was able to contribute funding to of the four representatives. The 2026 National Grange Convention is coming in November and will be held in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

We continue to hold the Annual Youth Department Raffle to raise funds to support the youth program. Thank you to those Granges and Grangers who supported us by purchasing and/or selling tickets.

The Youth Fair Program continues to bring young people and their families into our Granges. Be sure to welcome them into your hall and encourage participation in all aspects of your Grange programming. Each Grange needs to review their current programming efforts, being sure they are welcoming to our young people. We may also need to review our programs to determine if young people (youth and their parents) are interested in what we offer. Let's spruce it up a bit and see who we can attract to our Granges.

Thank you for your support of our Grange Youth programs and activities!

Faternally,
Jerry Gwin

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Worthy President, Officers, and Delegates of the Washington State Grange,

Welcome to Mount Vernon for the 137th Annual Session. I cannot believe that it is already time for another State Session!

State Session is such a wonderful time to see old friends and meet many more of you this year. It's always so nice to connect faces with the voices on the phone. Please stop by the Progress Room or Membership Table and say hello or catch me as I'm running from one end of the fairground to the other. Let's all have a wonderful and productive convention!



Congratulations to our Granges who are continually recruiting new members and gaining membership. We will draw 3 - \$250 Visa gift cards for Subordinate Granges who added at least one new member this year, and 6 - \$25 Visa gift cards for the Junior Granges who added at least one new member this year. Good Luck to All!!!

Individual Grange Recruiter Recognition Program from July 2025 - June 2026. To be eligible for these awards, you must be the first signer recommending members for membership. This information is taken directly from the New Member Report. Winners are announced in each Grange News. Congratulations to all our winners and welcome to all of our new members!

Fraternally,
Sophia Keller

Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING June 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:48 pm at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis/Centralia, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Guests: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the 2025 Washington State Grange Annual Session will be read for approval at the next meeting July 25, 2025.

Property Fund Requests: Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve property fund request made by Manor Grange #1101 for approximately \$8,000.00 for roof replacement from the Mansford Grange #1101 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve an amendment to the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for a new total of \$6,053.23 for light replacement from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

New Business: Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to reject the offer of \$3,000.00 for the sale of Waukon Grange Hall. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to accept the offer of \$155,000 for the sale of Sunny Valley Grange Hall. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to make Rusty Hunt the second delegate representing Washington State Grange at the 2025 National Grange Annual Session and Brittney Pittman will be the alternate for the same session. Motion carried.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be July 25, 2025, at 5:30 pm via zoom. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

July 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Absent: Rick Ferguson.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from May 21, 2025, and June 29, 2025, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

Updates: Report on the sale of Sunny Valley Grange Hall, which was approved at the previous meeting of the Washington State Grange Executive Committee on June 29, 2025.

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

- Columbia Grange #87
- Bainbridge Island Grange #1051

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee is not taking action on Bainbridge Island Grange #1051's request until further information is acquired.

Unfinished Business: Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, to accept the offer of \$6,000.00 for Waukon Grange Hall. Motion carried.

2 Additional Granges Received Capital Budget Grants in 2025: Fern Prairie Grange #866 for \$182,000.00 and Tri Community Grange #1008 for \$120,000.00.

Livestock Judging to be held Friday, September 12th, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Othello Fairgrounds. It will be advertised in the August Grange News, on social media and via letter to all chapters of Youth Fairs Program.

Review of the 2025 Annual Convention Session of the Washington State Grange.

2026 Washington State Grange Convention Planning: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that we change Washington State Grange Convention Session to opening on Tuesday and closing on a Saturday for 2026 and 2027. Motion carried.

Discussion of Tentative 2026 Convention Schedule

New Business: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the 2025 Washington State Grange Convention Session Minutes from June 25, 2025 through June 29, 2025 be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Discussion of renewing the proposed American Income Life Insurance policy, which provides some benefits, including Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, to all members of the Grange in Washington State. We will offer to put it in the Grange News rather than sending out a letter.

Discussion of the National Grange Database and Membership lists.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, that Washington State Grange abstain from participating in the National Grange Database. Motion carried.

Motion to recess at 6:52pm. Motion carried

Meeting was reconvened at 7:01pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be August 24, 2025, at 5 pm via zoom.

Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded Isabella Lierman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 21, 2025**

The meeting was called to order via email with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

New Business: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve the sale of St. Urban Grange Hall for \$71,500.00. Motion carried.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Guests: Jesse Taylor.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from July 25, 2025, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

Updates: Legislative update given by Jesse Taylor. The following items were referred to:

- Budget Grant Applications
- Special Elections: 9 seats are up for election.
- Upcoming Minimum Wage Hike in Washington.

Property Fund Requests

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the property fund request made by Salmon Creek Grange #849 for a total of \$1,302.00 for tree removal, from the Salmon Creek #849 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve the property fund request made by Barberton Grange # 571 for a total of \$24,916.52 for flooring replacement, from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Delinquent Granges: Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded by David Bryant, that the Washington State Grange send a letter providing notice to Granges 2+ quarters behind in dues that they have until December 1st, 2025 to become current or they will be placed on probation and the Washington State Grange will collect their members dues. Motion carried.

The following Granges are 2+ quarters behind in dues:

Clarkston Heights Grange #982	Chumstick Grange #819
Steel Lake Highline Grange #805	Crystal Grange #1126
Alder Creek Grange #890	Marion Grange #276
Laurel Grange #208	

Unfinished Business: Moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve the consolidation of Johnson Grange #118 into Whelan Ewartsville Grange #114. Motion carried.

Moved by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman that the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit with 5% interest to Lummi Island Grange #925, Matlock Grange #357 and Skokomish Grange #379. Furthermore, a balloon payment will be due July 31, 2026, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1st, 2026, interest will be an additional 1% per month to satisfy Capital Budget Grants through the Department of Commerce. Motion carried.

Discussion of the 2026 Convention Schedule.

New Business: Discussion of the 2026 Budget- GIA funds

Discussion of Policy on Updating the Bylaws for State Held Granges. A meeting to make changes will be posted in the Grange News. The meeting will be on December 7, 2025 at 6pm at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, WA.

Discussion of uncashed and reissued checks policy.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange issue checks for 180 days, if not cashed they will be voided and the funds revert back to the Washington State Grange. Motion carried.

The Western Regional Leadership Conference will be March 26-28, 2026, in Boise, ID.

Discussion of Junior Grange Camp insurance and bylaws.

Motion to recess at 8:50 pm for a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting was reconvened at 9:00 pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation meeting.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be December 7, 2025, at 5pm and December 8, 2025, at 9 am at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, WA.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 12-13, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

State Officers Present via Zoom for the presentation on the National Grange PIPS Program: Claudine Mincks, Tom Cullen, Jonny Pittman, Alexis Kudsk, Carolyn Hojem, Jarrod Gardner, Jordanne Webb, Jennifer Oliver, Debbie Fisch

Guests Present: National Grange Executive Committeeman, Joseph Stefenoni, and Terry Ferguson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from October 21 and 29, 2025 be approved as read. Motion carried.

Property Fund Requests: Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the property fund request made by Triway Grange #1093 for a total of \$10,097.60 for a wheelchair access asphalt sidewalk and parking spot from the Triway Grange #1093 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the property fund request made by Humptulips Grange #730 for a total of \$7,537.74 for the mortgage payment from the Humptulips #730 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Delinquent Granges: The following Granges are 2+ quarters behind in dues payments:

Silver Lake Grange #105	White Trail Grange #1143
East Oakville Grange #902	Steele Lake Highline Grange #805
Crystal Grange #1126	Davis Lake Grange #501
Collins Grange #893	Ohop Grange #812
Marion Grange #276	Mcintosh Grange #1001

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

Marion Grange #276	Woodland Grange #178
Pleasant Hill Grange #101	Long Beach Grange #667
Sharon Grange #800	Matlock Grange #357
South Bay Grange #250	Bethel Grange #404
North Creek Valley Grange #769	

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee approve a lot consolidation or boundary line adjustment for Matlock Grange #357. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:03 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Mayview Grange #133. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to update the bylaws of Mayview Grange #133 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:07 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Silver Creek Ethel Grange #150. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to update the Bylaws of Silver Creek Ethel Grange #150 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:09 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Beacon Hill Grange #389. Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded by David Bryant, to update the Bylaws of Beacon Hill Grange #389 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:11 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Buena Vista Grange #415. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to update the bylaws of Buena Vista Grange #415 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:13 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Quillayute Valley Grange #661. Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, to update the bylaws of Quillayute Valley Grange #661 to

approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:15 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Eagle Cliff Grange #712. Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to update the bylaws of Eagle Cliff Grange #712 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:17 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Bluestem Grange #776. Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to update the Bylaws of Bluestem Grange #776 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:19 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Wilbur Grange #798. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to update the Bylaws of Wilbur Grange #798 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:20 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Canniwai Grange #837. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to update the Bylaws of Canniwai Grange #837 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:22 pm on December 7, 2025, at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia Washington, on behalf of Pleasant Grove Grange #978. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to update the Bylaws of Pleasant Grove Grange #978 to approve a dues increase of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried with two thirds vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

New Business: Moved by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit with 5% interest to Skagit Valley Grange #620 (for \$48,000.00) and Dry Creek Grange #646 (for \$27,160.00). Furthermore, balloon payment will be due July 31, 2027, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1, 2027, interest will be an additional 1% per month to satisfy Capital Budget Grants through the Department of Commerce. Motion carried.

Presentation on the National Grange Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) Program given by National Grange Executive Committeeman, Joseph Stefenoni via Zoom online platform at 7:30 pm. Washington State Grange Officer team to join via Zoom online platform. Discussion of possible PIP teams and Granges.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that any newly organized or reorganized Granges have starting dues of \$10.00 above State and National Grange dues. Motion carried.

Discussion of the Deputy, State Officer, and Pomona Master Conference on February 27-28, 2026, in Yakima, Washington.

Report on Rural Life Initiative-The following Granges are Involved: Spring Hill Grange #909, Stranger Creek Grange #374, Pine Grove Grange #115, Whelan-Ewartsville Grange #114, Stevenson Grange #121, Matlock Grange #357 and Dry Creek Grange #646.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to recess for the evening at 9:03 pm.

Meeting reconvened: at 9:47 am following an 8:30 am Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Guests: Terry Ferguson

Budget Planning: Discussion of the proposed 2026 Washington State Grange Budget.

Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded David Bryant, we temporarily suspend Pomona dues payments. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, we print 6 issues of the Grange News per year. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, we suspend delegate mileage payments for Washington State Grange Convention. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt to suspend Washington State Grange Convention housing reimbursements. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to eliminate printing of Washington State Grange Convention dockets. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to distribute printed copies of the Washington State Grange Roster only to State Officers, State Directors and Deputies. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to only publish Department packets, the Legislative handbook, the Program Handbook and Secretaries handbook online. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to recommend the Master adjust staffing duties and responsibilities to meet our current financial and operational needs and to meet current budgetary requirements. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to adopt the Washington State Grange Budget for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Rusty Hunt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Guests: Jesse Taylor.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from December 8-9, 2025, be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

Updates: Legislative Update given by Washington State Grange lobbyist, Jesse Taylor. Update included the following:

- First Draft of the Budget will be released shortly after February 20, 2026.
- 2026 Grange Legislative Day was a success with approximately 40+ visits on the hill.
- SB5252 Removing the acreage limit on the property tax exemption for nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places. This bill is looking promising. Our lobbyist will be more aggressively pursuing this year.
- HB2431 Increasing the maximum annual limit for regularly scheduled fundraising activities for the nonprofit public assembly halls and meeting places property tax exemption. The hope is to increase the number of days to 50.
- Jesse will be testifying on the legislation regarding the ungulate population.
- Report on tax bills.

Communications: Communication received from Whitman County Pomona regarding the 2026 Washington State Grange Budget and actions to be taken to support said budget.

Property Fund Requests: Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the property fund request made by Manor Grange #1101 for a total of \$7,804.72 or up to the balance of their property fund for front door replacement from the Manor Grange #1101 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to approve the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for a total of \$65,262.75 for roof replacement from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for a total of \$1,079.97 for the overage on their floor replacement from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to reject the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for a total of \$2,272.00 for the tarping of the roof because it is not a capital improvement. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Property Sale/Lease Request: Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the sale of a 6 acre parcel of land owned by Humptulips Grange #730's for \$55,000 and to approve property fees, closing expenses, and the last 3 years of mortgage payment on Humptulips Grange Hall be turned over to Humptulips Grange #730 from the sale of this parcel with the remaining balance being placed in a custodial account with the Washington State Grange. Discussion. Tom Gwin abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve the proposed lease between Ohop Grange #812 and Public Safety Towers LLC. Discussion. Motion carried.

Delinquent Granges: The following Granges are 2+ quarters behind in dues payments:

East Oakville Grange #902	Steele Lake Highline Grange #805
Crystal Grange #1126	Marion Grange #276

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:
Bainbridge Island Grange #1051

Unfinished Business: Moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit with 5% interest to North Bellingham Grange #201 (for \$50,000.00). Furthermore, balloon payment will be due July 31, 2027, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1, 2027, interest will be an additional 1% per month to satisfy Capital Budget Grants through the Department of Commerce. Motion carried.

Discussion of the 2026 Deputy/State Officer Conference agenda.

Meeting called to recess at 7:49 pm. Meeting reconvened at pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting.

New Business: Discussion of Rural Life Initiative Grants. The information on this has been released by the National Grange and distributed by Washington State Grange.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be on February 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm via zoom.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Rusty Hunt to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 29, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 9:24pm via email with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Guests: None

New Business: Moved by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit with 5% interest to South Bay Grange #250 (for \$89,0000). Furthermore, a ballon payment will be due July 31, 2027, and if the ballon payment is not paid before August 1, 2027, interest will be an additional 1% per month to satisfy Capital Budget Grant through the Department of Commerce. Motion carried.

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be February 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm via zoom.
Meeting adjourned.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm in Fruitvale Grange #348 in Yakima, WA with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from January 28-29, 2026 be approved as read. Motion carried.

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:
Central Grange #831 Espanola Grange #698
Snake River Pomona Grange #51 East Cheney Grange #885

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:30 pm on February 28, 2026, at Fruitvale Grange #348 in Yakima Washington, on behalf of Snake River Pomona Grange #51. Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to remove all current signers, including Dorothy Greenough and add Jenniffer Webb and Rick Ferguson to the Snake River Pomona Grange #51 bank accounts as signers. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:34 pm on February 28, 2026, at Fruitvale Grange #348 in Yakima Washington, on behalf of East Cheney Grange #885. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to remove John Boots and all current signers on their bank accounts, and add Tom

Gwin and Robert Shea to the East Cheney Grange bank accounts as signers. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Unfinished Business: The Washington State Grange Executive Committee drafted a response to Whitman County Pomona Grange #2 regarding the 2026 Washington State Grange Budget.

Discussion of the 2026 Budget and 2026 Credentials Forms

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that dockets may be purchased for \$15 prior to June 1, 2026, via registration form for Washington State Grange Convention. Motion carried.

New Business: Moved by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit with 5% interest to Kettle River Grange #1120 (for \$64,990). Furthermore, balloon payment will be due July 31, 2027, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1, 2027, interest will be an additional 1% per month to satisfy Capital Budget Grants through the Department of Commerce. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, to adopt the conflict-of-interest policy for the Washington State Grange. Motion carried.

Southwest Junior Grange Camp: Discussion of Assets and Bylaws.

Meeting called to recess at 7:02 pm. Meeting reconvened at 7:10 pm following a Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting. Motion carried

Next Executive Committee Meeting will be March 18 ,2026 at 6:30 pm via the Zoom platform.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 18, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee: Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Absent Rick Ferguson.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from February 28, 2026, be approved as published. Motion carried.

Property Funds: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve Fairview Grange #619's request for \$18,688.91 from the Fairview Grange property fund to replace front steps and provide wheelchair access. Motion carried.

Communication: Received a letter from Pierce County Pomona #16 regarding efforts to decrease expenditures and increase revenues for the Washington State Grange.

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

East Cheney Grange #885	Central Grange #831	Espanola Grange #698
Rome Grange #226	East Hill Grange	Garden City Grange
South Camano #930	Snake River Pomona Grange #51	

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: The Washington State Grange Executive Committee met at 6:54 pm on March 18, 2026, via Zoom, on behalf of Brewster Grange #1018. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to remove Glenn Farrington and all current signers and add Rusty Hunt and George Penner to the Brewster Grange #1018 bank accounts as signers. Rusty Hunt abstained. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Discussion of Lecturer Zoom Series. No action at this time, pending further discussion.

Discussion of Western Regional Conference Activities.

Request for Letter of Support for Washington Farm Stress Mobile Outreach and Education Van. No Action taken because this appears to be a County Issue.

Resolution 2026-01 Is this House Real?, submitted by Matlock Grange #357, was referred to the State Legislative committee.

Resolution 2026-02 Tsunami Preparedness, submitted by Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28, was referred to the National Legislative committee.

Scheduled the Youth Fairs Spring Zoom Meeting for May 6th, 2026.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be April 26-27, 2026, at Washington State Grange Headquarters.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded David Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 29, 2026**

A special meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

New Business: Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the Washington State Grange Lecturer remove the unauthorized Washington State Grange Lecturer website at wsglecturer.org, which uses the Washington State Grange name, and coordinate with the Washington State Grange office to add the appropriate content to the Washington State Grange Website. Discussion. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded David Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, Washington, with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Guests: Terry Ferguson, Johnny Pittman, Jesse Taylor

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from March 18, 2026, and March 29, 2026, be approved as read. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Received a letter from Granwest Insurance notifying the Washington State Grange of a legal name change from Grange Insurance to Granwest Insurance.

Property Fund Requests: Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the property fund request made by The Agate Grange #275 for a total of \$15,000.00 for water line repairs from the Agate Grange #275/Progress Grange #304 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the property fund request made by Barberton Grange #571 for a total of \$3,225.00 for roof overage from the Barberton #571/Fisher #211/Pioneer #901 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve the property fund request made by Fairview Grange #619 for a total of \$2,503.23, for the removal and disposal of their old gas furnace, from the Fairview #619 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the property fund request made by Manor Grange #1101 for a total of \$10,125.80, for new front doors, from the Manor Grange #1101 Property Fund. Motion carried.

Membership: Discussion on the following topics:

Delinquent Granges

Grange with Less than 13 Members

Status of Junior Granges

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to notify the Granges on the Delinquent Grange list that they need to become current in their dues, or they will not be allowed delegate representation at the 2026 Convention. Motion carried.

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

Sharon Grange #800

Rome Grange #226

South Camano Grange #930

Crescent Grange #1123

Marion Grange #276

East Hill Grange #786

King County Pomona #13

Oakview Grange #311

Fords Prairie Grange #33

Unfinished Business: Discussion of a request from the State Lecturer on a potential Zoom series.

New Business: Moved by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange issue a line of credit with 5% interest to Spring Hill Grange #990 (for \$150,000). Furthermore, balloon payment will be due July 31, 2027, and if the balloon payment is not paid before August 1, 2027, interest will be an additional 1% per month to satisfy Capital Budget Grants through the Department of Commerce. Motion carried.

Moved by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Rusty Hunt, that the Washington State Grange approve the passthrough funds for the community impact grant received by Sharon Grange #800 for a total of \$4000.00, with 5% withheld for a processing fee. Motion carried.

Resolutions:

2026-03 – Supporting Sales and Use Tax Relief on Farm Machinery and Equipment, submitted by Five Mile Prairie #905, was referred to the Taxation Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-04 – Financing State Grange, submitted by Clark County Pomona Grange #1, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-05 – Wheelchair Ramps Required, submitted by Pend Oreille County Pomona Grange #29, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-06 – Deduction for Contributions to 529 Plans, submitted by Issaquah Valley #581, was referred to the Taxation Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-07 – Department Quarterly Budget Statements, submitted by Tualco #284, was referred to the Audit Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-08 – Pomona Grange Dues (A), submitted by Collins #893, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-08 – Pomona Grange Dues (B), submitted by Moses Lake #1151, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-08 – Pomona Grange Dues (C), submitted by St. Andrews #832, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-09 – Net Neutrality, submitted by Moses Lake #1151, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-10 – Predator Management, submitted by St. Andrews #832, was referred to the Fish and Wildlife Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-11 – Addressing Roadside Waste through Infrastructure, Stewardship, and Community, Health, submitted by Fruitland #999, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-12 – Retaining Grange Membership Years, submitted by St. Andrews #832, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-13 – State Grange Convention Host Committee Report, submitted by Humptulips #730, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-14 – Composition of the Grange Executive Committee, submitted by Humptulips #730, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-15 – Universal Health Care, submitted by Sunnyside #129, was referred to the Health, Healthcare and Safety Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-16 – Education – Elected School Board Directors Required to Pass Criminal Background Checks, submitted by Dry Creek #646, was referred to the Education Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-17 – Growth Management – Duplication of Utility Infrastructure, submitted by Dry Creek #646, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-18- Legislative Session Length, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-19- 40 Hour Work Week, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-20- Homeless Non-Governmental Organizations, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the State Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-21- Pomona Master/President Elections, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-22- Subordinate Master/President Elections, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Grange Law Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-23-The Right to Use Cash as Payment, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the National Legislative Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-24-Managing Forests for Ag Water Supply, submitted by Whatcom County Pomona #6, was referred to the Conservation and Ecology Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-25- Eliminate Personal Property Tax, submitted by Goldendale Grange #49, was referred to the Taxation Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-26- Additional regulations needed on E-bikes, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Transportation Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-27- Locator Function added to State Program Handbook, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

2026-28- Locator Function added to the State Legislative Handbook, submitted by Clark County Pomona #1, was referred to the Grange Activities Committee for the 2026 Washington State Grange annual session.

The following Standing Committee Reports were distributed to the Executive Committee:

- Agriculture
- Conservation & Ecology
- Education
- Fish & Wildlife
- Good of the Order
- Health, Healthcare & Safety
- National Issues
- State Issues
- Taxation
- Transportation

Discussion of the following Convention Planning Topics:

- Schedule
- Workshops
- Speakers

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to update our personnel policy manual to reflect legislative changes on the use of sick leave.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be June 11, 2026, at 7 pm via zoom.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Rusty Hunt to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:13 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
June 11, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following officers present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Executive Committee; Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the Washington State Grange Executive Committee Minutes from, April 27, 2026 be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

Property Fund Requests: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve a property fund request made by Mountain Valley Grange #79 for a total of \$40,000 for window replacement, porch covers and painting from the Mountain Valley #79 Property Fund. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to reject the property fund request made by San Juan Island Grange #966 for a total of \$35,840.98 because their property fund has been depleted. Carried.

Membership: Communication via letters has been sent out to Delinquent Granges. Communication via letters has been sent out to Granges with less than 13 members. Communication via letters has been sent out to determine the status of Washington Junior Granges.

Grange Issues: Discussion of issues for the following Granges:

- Discussed the financial situation at Garden City Grange #280

Resolutions: Discussion of late received resolutions. Two resolutions were received after the April 25 deadline. They were mailed on April 27 and arrived in the office on April 30. They have been given to committee chairs for consideration as committee resolutions.

Unfinished Business: Discussion of the following updates and changes to the Convention schedule.

- General Updates
- Speakers/Visitors
- Grange Flag Showcase
- Sound Equipment

New Business: Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to open 3 short term CD's at Heritage Bank for \$100,000 each for better interest rates over a regular savings account. The CD terms will be one CD for 3 months at \$100,000, one CD for 4 months at \$100,000 and one CD 5 months at \$100,000. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rick Ferguson, that the signers on the CDS be the same as the signers on the current bank accounts for the Washington State Grange at Heritage Bank; these signers will be Tom Gwin, David Bryant, Nancy Drake and Sophia Keller. Motion carried.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 2-3pm at the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon, WA.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded Brittney Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION MINUTES

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JUNE 29, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis/Centralia, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting will be read for approval at the next meeting July 25, 2025.

Action Items

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, to remove Duane Hamp from Washington State Grange Foundation Board and add Rusty Hunt. Motion carried.

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the Washington State Grange President: Tom Gwin, Vice President: Rusty Hunt, and Secretary: Isabella Lierman hold these same positions within the Washington State Grange Foundation Board. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, that David Bryant be Treasurer of Washington State Grange Foundation Board. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING July 25, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:53 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.
Absent: Rick Ferguson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, that the May 21st, 2025, and June 29th, 2025, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

Action Items

Maya Hankins sent a Thank you card for a 2025 Foundation scholarship she received.
Regina Nelson sent a Thank you card for a 2025 Foundation scholarship she received.
Taylor Alder sent a Thank you card for a 2025 Foundation scholarship she received.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, that the signatures on the bank accounts for the Foundation be Tom Gwin, Rusty Hunt and David Bryant. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:00 pm

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, that the July 25th, 2025 Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read via email. Motion carried.

Action Items

Bode Sherley sent a Thank you letter for a 2025 Foundation scholarship he received.

Moved by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, that we request more information from Camp Wooten Junior Grange, including a list of items and their cost, prior to granting funds from the King Memorial Fund. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, to reject Deer Lagoon Grange #846's request for use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN because the Foundation's EIN is only used for specific grants and projects for capital improvement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to reject Okanogan Grange #1103's request for use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN because the Foundation's EIN is only used for specific grants and projects for capital improvement. Motion carried.

Moved to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:02pm

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 8, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, Washington with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant. Guests: Terry Ferguson.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by David Bryant, that the October 29, 2025 Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Communications

Taylor Alder sent a Thank you letter for a 2025 Foundation scholarship she received.

Action Items

Moved by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to reject Prosperity Grange #315's request for use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN because use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN is not needed. We will include a recommendation that they donate directly to Prosperity Grange as they are a 501c8 and will receive the entirety of the donation. Motion carried.

Moved by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve up to \$2,000.00 for Camp Wooten Junior Grange #400 from the King Memorial Fund for the purchase of archery equipment, specifically including bows, armguards and cases. Motion carried.

The 2023 Washington State Grange Foundation Audit Report was presented. The 2024 Washington State Grange Foundation Audit Report was presented. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the 2023 and 2024 Washington State Grange Foundation Audit Report and make them available to the delegate body for viewing at the 2026 Washington State Grange Convention. Motion carried.

Discussion of Washington State Grange scholarship program including the following topics; changes to the application, changes to scoring the application, guideline changes. Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, to approve the changes to the Washington State Grange Foundation scholarship application. Motion carried. Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to approve the changes to the Washington State Grange Foundation scholarship evaluation. Motion carried. Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to approve the changes to the Washington State Grange Foundation scholarship guidelines. Motion carried.

Discussion of Financial Services Agreement for Use with Subordinate/Pomona Granges. Intent to refer a potential FSA document to an attorney for review prior to considering approval for use.

Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded by David Bryant to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 28, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:51 pm via Zoom online platform with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Rusty Hunt, that the December 8, 2025 Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Action Items

Moved by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to approve Sharon Grange #800's request for use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN without a fee for a donation of funds for electrical wiring. Motion carried.

Moved by Rusty Hunt, seconded by Rick Ferguson, to approve Spring Hill Grange #909's request for use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN with the usual terms for a \$25,000 general donation with the Grange. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 28, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm at Fruitvale Grange #348 in Yakima, WA with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Secretary Isabella Lierman, Trustees Rick Ferguson, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by David Bryant, that the January 28, 2026, Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Action Items

Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded by Brittney Pittman, to adopt the conflict-of-interest policy for the Washington State Grange Foundation. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to create a Fundraising Committee for the Foundation. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING March 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:23 am via email with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Action Items

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rusty Hunt, to allow Moses Lake Grange #1151 the use of the Washington State Grange Foundation EIN number for the purpose of obtaining a Columbia Basin Foundation grant to purchase new tables and a Paul Lauzier Foundation Grant to install new windows, with the stipulation of a 5% administrative fee for the Washington State Grange Foundation to be charged. Motion carried.

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING April 26, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 pm at Washington State Grange Headquarters in Olympia, WA with President Tom Gwin in the chair. Roll call found the following members present; President Tom Gwin, Vice President Rusty Hunt, Trustees Isabella Lierman, Brittney Pittman and David Bryant.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by David Bryant, that the February 28, 2026 Washington State Grange Foundation Meeting Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

Action Items

Discussion of use of the Foundation EIN for Convention Donations, including Junior Grange Ice Cream Social and State Officer BBQ Picnic supplies.

Fundraising Committee Report: A meeting is scheduled for 1/27/26 at 2pm via Zoom online platform. Goals of the meeting are to develop a mission statement and Preconvention fundraising goals.

Motion made by Rusty Hunt, seconded by David Bryant, to adopt the fiscal sponsorship agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brittney Pittman, seconded by Isabella Lierman, to increase the fee for fiscal sponsorship to 7% to cover administrative fees. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt to adopt the Scholarship Committee Report and to award 26 scholarships for a total amount of \$34,750. Motion carried. Scholarships are awarded as follows:

- Inga Anderson Memorial Scholarship - \$1250 – Parker Sackmann, Fort Colville #533
- Bear Creek/Horseshoe Scholarship - \$750 – Owen Skinner, Horseshoe #965
- Horace Bozarth Memorial Scholarship - \$1250 – Laura Klein, Prospect Point #1067
- Norman Buccholz Memorial Scholarship - \$1250 – Chloe Clyburn, Menastash #1054
- Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship - \$1250 – Marguerite Bailey, McIntosh #1001
- Delpha Goude Memorial Scholarship - \$1250 – Addison Bowen, McIntosh #1001
- Adrian & Betty DeVries Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 – Preston Stingley, Menastash #1054
- Fidelity Grange Scholarship - \$1250 – Tyler Schuyleman, Bee Hive #385
- Martin & Grage Forrey Memorial Scholarship - \$2000 – Bailey Sherley, Menastash #1054
- Fox Island Grange Scholarship - \$1500 – Caden Bates, Moses Lake #1151
- French Creek Grange Scholarship – 750 – Kathleen Kocher, Chumstick #819
- Ray & Marian Kamerrer Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 – Olivia Berdan, Bee Hive #385
- Ray & Marian Kamerrer Memorial Scholarship - \$2000 – April Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905
- Ram & Marian Kamerrer Memorial Scholarship - \$2000 – Lauren Rohde, Waitsburg #1
- Kegley Agricultural Scholarship - \$1500 – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169
- Long Yew Grange Scholarship - \$2000 – Maya Hankins, Mossyrock #355
- McCleary Grange Scholarship - \$2000 – Aaron Gwin, Humptulips #730
- McKern Memorial Scholarship - \$1000 – Colton Barsness, Menastash #1054
- Nob Hill Grange Scholarship – \$1000 Hayden Ostrander, Terrace Heights #584
- Pomona Villa General Scholarship - \$1250 – Sofie Nicholson – Menastash #1054
- Pomona Villa General Scholarship - \$1500 – Bode Sherley, Menastash #1054
- Pomona Villa General Scholarship - \$750 – Johanna Smith, Menastash #1054
- Pomona Villa Pierce County Scholarship - \$1250 – Aryanna Cerar, Elk Plain #784
- Rock Creek Grange Scholarship - \$1800 – Allyson Stoller, Fargher Lake #853
- Marion & Snowie Vanderpool Memorial Scholarship - \$1500 – Jocelyn DeGroat, Five Mile Prairie #908
- WA State Grange Family Living Vocational Scholarship - \$1000 Lukas Teague, Dry Creek #646

Motion made by Rick Ferguson, seconded by Isabella Lierman to update the scholarship application, forms and scoring guide. Motion carried

Motion made by David Bryant, seconded by Rick Ferguson to thank the judges for their work evaluating the scholarship applications. Motion carried.

Motion made by Isabella Lierman, seconded by Rusty Hunt to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

2026 SESSION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

AGRICULTURE

Chair – Carolyn Hojem – Newaukum 198
Vice Chair – Greg Jones – North & South Palouse 1004
Ed Armit – Lewis Co. Pomona 3
Dennis Hall – Skagit Valley 620
Steve Johnson – Sequim Prairie 1108
Michael Kadow – Fargher Lake 853

Rex Ogden – Cowlitz Pomona 7
Tom Quigley – Sammamish Valley 286

AUDITING

Chair – Terry Ferguson – Columbia Co Pomona 56
Vice Chair – Andrea Wilbur – Pierce Co Pomona 16
Thomas Clark – Crescent 1123

Debbie Fisch – Beehive 385
Betty Garrison – Roy 702
David George – Kellogg Marsh 136
Paulette James – Mossyrock 355
Dennis Rensink – Rome 226

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Chair – Steve Dalton – Snohomish Co Pomona 12
Vice Chair - Phyllis Ogden – Cowlitz Co Pomona 7
Ricardo Barrientes – Fords Prairie 33
Amanda Brozana – Whitman Co. Pomona 2
Mary Bryant – Elk Plain 782
Bernie Games – Long Beach 667
George Penner – Molson 1069

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY

Chair - Butch Ogden – Sunnyside 129
Vice Chair – Steve Ricarte – Stillaguamish 1068
Jacob Gwin – Humptulips 730
Ann Johnson – Sequim Prairie 1108
Debra Kadow – Fargher Lake 853
James Loomer – South Lake Stevens 690
Shelley Macy – Whatcom Co. Pomona 6
Sandy Mode – South Bay 250
Jeff Oxborough – Roy 702

CREDENTIALS

Chair – Cindy Kudsk – Haynie 169
Vice Chair – Lucy Vest – GH/Pacific Pomona 28
Bryan Bechler – Granville 857
Helen Berg – Sunnyside 129
Rosezetta Knott – East Hill 786

EDUCATION

Chair – Susan Hegney – Spokane Co. Pomona #4
Vice Chair – Marilyn Armit – Lewis Co Pomona 3
Mary Celia – Rexville 815
Kent Hojem – Newaukum 198
Isabella Lierman – Snohomish Co Pomona 12
Carrie Paulson – Stillaguamish #1058
Kirby Pollard – Marion 276
Barbara Ramsdell – Prosperity #315
Mary Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona 37
Michael Smith – Waller Road 1111
Jodi Van Gelder – Fern Prairie 866
Tharin Ward – Collins #893

ELECTIONS

Chair – Sherry Cummins – Pend Oreille Co. Pomona 29
Vice Chair – Jennifer Webb – Rimrock 941

Lois Cummins – Inland 780
Steve Hall – McMillin 848
Kendal Harner – Olympic View 774

FISH & WILDLIFE

Chair – Peter Hauk – Ten Mile 399
Vice Chair – Darell Myers – Mossyrock 355
Ron Frisch – Crescent 1123
Rusty Hunt – Douglas Co Pomona 49
Jim Lyle – Whitman Co. Pomona 2
Steve Yates – Skagit Co. Pomona 10

GRANGE ACTIVITIES

Chair – Janice Anderson – Clark Co Pomona 1
Vice Chair – Alexis Kudsk – Haynie 169
Davona Gwin – Humptulips 730
Aric Irwin – Mason Co. Pomona 20
Janelle Lierman – Horseshoe 965
Vicky Loomer – South Lake Stevens 690
Jill Michels – Fredonia 545
Robert Reichle – Cedar Valley 306
Christie Vintilo – South Union 860

GRANGE LAW

Chair – Jarrod Gardner – Pierce Co Pomona 16
Vice Chair – Tom Cullen – Yakima Valley Pomona 11
David Bryant – Elk Plain 782
Bob Clouse – Spring Hill 909
Ruth Anne Lance – Washington 82
Syn Omega – Matlock 357
Cheryl Saiz – Fruitland 999
Leslie Wells – Tualco 284

HEALTH CARE & SAFETY

Chair - Jordanne Beck – Ralston 943
Vice Chair – Christine Hamp – Five Mile Prairie 905
Aaron Brand – North Bellingham 201
Dianne George – Kellogg Marsh 136
Jerry Gwin – Humptulips 730
Rob Hegney – McIntosh 1001
Jacquie Hunt – Douglas Co. Pomona 49
Jennifer Oliver – Collins 893
Mary Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona 37
Charlotte Wixson – Cedar Valley 306

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE

Chair – Pam Mathews – South Union 860
Vice Chair – Bob Shea – Tyler 610

Rick Ferguson – Waitsburg 1
 Debbie Riegel- Yates – Skagit Co. Pomona 10
 Sheila Wynn – Waller Road 1111
 Sheyenne Koen – Snohomish Pomona 12
 Tom Hann – Mt. Valley 79

STATE LEGISLATIVE

Chair - Oren Gaskill – Ten Mile 399
 Vice Chair – Mitch Clouse - Spring Hill 909
 Duane Hamp – Five Mile Prairie 905
 Carol Johnstone – Fords Prairie 33
 Marg Ohlsen – Tualco 284
 Jonny Pittman – Moses Lake 1151
 Kathy Warren – Fruitland 999

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY

Chair – Scott Hackett – Whatcom Co. Pomona 6
 Vice Chair – J.D. Prowse – Matlock 357
 Mark Fisch – Beehive 385

Warren Lewis – Garden City 280
 Scott Lyle – Pine Grove 115
 Michael Schwartz – Excelsior Pomona 37

TRANSPORTATION

Chair – Bekki Weston – North Bellingham 201
 Vice Chair – Brittney Pittman – Moses Lake 1151
 Kathleen Bechler – Granville 857
 Fred Harnishfeger – Logan Hill 1086
 Rodger Lance – Washington 82
 Dustin Ogden – Sunnyside 129
 Ed Potter – Chumstick 819
 Kirk Van Gelder – Fern Prairie 866

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION – 2026

Resolution #	Resolution Title	By Grange	Committee
2026-01-1401	Is this House Real?	Matlock #357	State Legislative
2026-02-1301	Tsunami Preparedness	Grays Harbor/Pacific Pomona #28	National Legislative
2026-03-1501	Supporting Sales and Use Tax Relief on Farm Machinery and Equipment	Five Mile Prairie #905	Taxation
2026-04-1001	Financing State Grange	Clark Co Pomona #1	Grange Activities
2026-05-1002	Wheelchair Ramps Required	Pend Oreille Co Pomona #29	Grange Activities
2026-06-1502	Deduction for Contributions to 529 Plans	Issaquah Valley #581	Taxation
2026-07-0201	Departmental Quarterly Budget Statements	Tualco #284	Audit
2026-08-1101	Pomona Grange Dues	Collins #893 Moses Lake #1151 St. Andrews #836	Grange Law
2026-09-1302	Net Neutrality	Moses Lake #1151	National Legislative
2026-10-0901	Predator Management	St. Andrews #836	Fish & Wildlife
2026-11-1402	Addressing Roadside Waste Through Infrastructure, Stewardship, and Community Healthy	Fruitland #999	State Legislative
2026-12-1102	Retaining Grange Membership Years	St. Andrews #836	Grange Law
2026-13-1003	State Grange Convention Host Committee Report	Humptulips #730	Grange Activities
2026-14-1103	Composition of the Grange Executive Committee	Humptulips #730	Grange Law

2026-15-1301	Universal Health Care	Sunnyside #129	Health, Healthcare & Safety
2026-16-0701	Education – Elected School Board Directors Required to Pass Criminal Background Checks	Dry Creek #646	Education
2026-17-1403	Growth Management – Duplication of Utility Infrastructure	Dry Creek #646	State Legislative
2026-18-1404	Legislative Session Length	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	State Legislative
2026-19-1405	40 Hour Work Week	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	State Legislative
2026-20-1406	Homeless Non Governmental Organizations	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	State Legislative
2026-21-1104	Pomona Master/President Elections	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Grange Law
2026-22-1105	Subordinate Master/President Elections	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Grange Law
2026-23-1303	The Right to Use Cash as Payment	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	National Legislative
2026-24-0301	Managing Forests for Ag Water Supply	Whatcom Co. Pomona #6	Conservation & Ecology
2026-25-1503	Eliminate Personal Property Tax	Klickitat Co. Pomona #5	Taxation
2026-26-1601	Additional Regulations Needed on E-Bikes	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Transportation
2026-27-1004	Locator Function added to State Program Handbook	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Grange Activities
2026-28-1005	Locator Function added to State Legislature Handbook	Clark Co. Pomona #1	Grange Activities

2026 COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Agricultural Education

1. We encourage the Washington State **Department of Agriculture** Fairs Commission to continue their volunteer work for the betterment of the agricultural fairs and youth shows across Washington State. (2022)

Agricultural Lands

5. We **believe** all state and federal grazing leases should be required to have livestock to fill the lease.

8. We **believe** government agencies should avoid agricultural lands **whenever possible** when selecting sites for roads and other facilities.

Dairy

12. We support the ~~establishment~~ of policies and regulations for a “Grade A, Raw Milk – Certified” milk grade and on farm sales of raw milk, that will ensure consumer safety and will support and not economically burden micro-dairies. (2010)

~~13. We support the Dairy Pride Act (defending against imitations and replacement of yogurt, milk, and cheese) or similar legislation. (2018)~~

Food Standards

~~6. We support the American Beef Labeling Act (S52) and encourage Congress to quickly pass this legislation. (2024)~~

~~7. We oppose importing foreign products that do not meet U.S. standards. We support the labeling of all foreign products, and their additives imported into the U.S. We recommend all imported food products be labeled as such. We encourage strict inspections by U.S. inspectors to ensure foreign food products meet U.S. standards. (2021)~~

8. We encourage strict inspections by U.S. inspectors to ensure foreign food products meet U.S. standards. (2021)

Pesticides

3. We **believe** Agricultural organizations should promote programs to inform and educate all users, rural and urban, about safe application of chemicals.

~~5. We support changing the name of the Washington State Commission on Pesticide Registration to the Washington State Commission on Integrated Pest Management. (2022)~~

Research and Science

~~5. We support federal funding for Agricultural research projects at WSU.~~

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Resolutions

Departmental Quarterly Budget Statements

Resolution – 2026-07-0201

Whereas, the Family Living, Youth, Lecturer and Junior Departments have funds allocated in the Washington State Grange annual budget; and

Whereas, those funds are to cover the expenses of the department's activities throughout the year; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Department Directors be provided with a quarterly financial statement of revenues and expenditures for their department.

Recommendations

We recommend the approval of the Annual Reviews of the Washington State Grange Foundation for the period ending December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024.

Once the final report for the December 31, 2022 Washington State Grange Audit is received, we recommend that the Executive Committee review and approve the audit and that it be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Acknowledgements

We acknowledge the hard work of the Washington State Grange staff for providing all the financial data for the Washington State Grange for the period ending December 31, 2022, as it is in the hands of our auditing firm and we are awaiting the final report from the auditors.

We acknowledge and commend Sophia Keller and Nancy Drake for their untiring work in completing and providing data to our auditing firm. We further acknowledge the accomplishment of this task in addition to their regular office duties.

CONSERVATION & ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Energy Rates

2. We urge any proposed retail rate increase notification be provided at least three billing cycles prior to the date of the rate increase ~~in the billing envelope as a separate page with a heading stating, "Proposed Rate Increase"~~ and with text advising how much the increase will be and the justification for it. (2006)

Resolutions

Managing Forests for Ag Water Supply

Resolution – 2026-24-0301

Whereas, Policy #2 of "Conservation and Ecology, Riparian Areas and Flooding" in the 2025 Legislative Handbook states that the Washington State Grange supports "the creation of water retention facilities in the headwaters of river drainages to recharge upstream aquifers, provide for silt retention, and manage stream flows;" and

Whereas, Washington's healthy forests fill aquifers, manage stream flows, prevent silt formation, purify water through natural filtration, and provide excellent long-term water retention for agriculture; and

Whereas, human-made facilities do not purify water supplies, become silted in, and are subject to repeated maintenance costs and failure; and

Whereas, the functions of natural retention, purification, and reliability of water throughout our state make healthy forests the most reliable, natural, cleanest, and most efficient "water retention facilities" possible; and

Whereas, evidence-based research has shown that logged-off areas can become healthy forests again when there are longer rotations between cuttings, greater retention of trees when harvesting, and minimal herbicide use; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange support vigorous efforts to restore the water retention capabilities of our forests as the preferred alternative to building human-made water retention facilities; and be it further

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange support legislation requiring best management practice of all government-owned forests for the reliable retention of water.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Changes to the Washington State Grange Constitution & Bylaws (2025 edition):

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #1 Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 11 as follows:

(a) The regular dues in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than \$30.00 per year plus the amount owed for National Grange dues. The dues of a regular member under the age of nineteen (19) for the Subordinate Grange shall not be less than the amount owed for National Grange dues. The family membership dues in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than \$60.00 per year plus the amount owed for National Grange dues. All dues shall be specifically fixed by the local bylaws. The associate member's dues in any Subordinate Grange shall be ~~\$54.00~~ \$57.00 plus the amount owed for National Grange dues.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #2

Amend Constitution Article II Section 7 as follows: At the close of each quarter each Subordinate Grange shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange the fee of ~~\$1-~~\$2 for all members voted into membership during such quarter.

Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 10 (a) as follows: The regular membership fee in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than three dollars (\$3), nor more than ~~ten~~ twelve dollars (~~\$10~~) (\$12) and shall be specifically fixed by the Subordinate bylaws, except Granges may lower the fee for Junior Grangers graduating into a Subordinate.

Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 10 (b) as follows: The family membership fee in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than six dollars (\$6), nor more than ~~twelve~~ twenty four dollars (~~\$12~~) (\$24) and shall be specifically fixed by the local bylaws.

Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 19 (e) paragraph 2 as follows: The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report to the Secretary of the State Grange promptly at the end of each quarter, on forms supplied by the state office, the number and names of all members admitted or lost for any reason during such a quarter. He/she shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange a fee of ~~\$1.00~~ \$2.00 for each member voted into membership as a regular or associate member; and a fee of ~~\$2.00~~ \$4.00 for each new family membership.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #3 Amend Bylaws Article I Section 9 (e) (1) as follows:

The net proceeds from the sale of real property shall be held in a custodial account for the selling Grange pursuant to Chapter 4, Article XI Digest of Laws. All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the selling Grange and this income shall be returned to such Grange annually, provided however, a custodial fee of ~~5%~~ 10% of the earned income shall be paid to the State Grange.

Amend Bylaws Article I Section 9 (e) (2) as follows: The net proceeds from insurance settlements and claims shall be held in a custodial account for the insured Grange pursuant to Chapter 4, Article XI Digest of Laws. All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the insured Grange and this income shall be returned to such Grange annually, provided however, a custodial fee of ~~5%~~ 10% of the earned income shall be paid to the state Grange.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #4 Amend Bylaws Article I Section 9 (g) (3) as follows: The income from the Fund (less ~~five~~ ten percent (~~5%~~) (10%), which shall be retained by the Washington State

Grange to defray the expenses of maintaining the Fund) shall be distributed, during the first quarter of each year, to the patron's Subordinate Grange unless that patron wishes the income to be equally distributed between the patron's Subordinate Grange and the Washington State Grange or the entire income be given to the Washington State Grange.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #5 Amend Bylaws Article IX Section 20 (d) as follows: Interest at ~~4.5%~~ [3% or \\$10 minimum](#) per month may be charged on the amount of late dues on all Subordinate Granges that are delinquent in the payment of their quarterly dues.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #6 Delete Bylaws Article I Section 9 (c) ~~Convention Registration Fee—a registration fee of \$20 per Grange shall be collected prior to the registration of the delegate(s) of said Grange. The monies received from the registration fee shall be deposited in the general fund of the State Grange and be used to offset the costs of holding the convention.~~

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #7 Amend Bylaws Article IV Section 3 as follows: ~~The State Grange shall provide 50% of the~~ [Executive Committee shall determine annually the amount of reimbursement allowed for](#) cost of hotel, motel or other sleeping accommodations for all officers, state directors, district directors or advisors, and deputies, while attending the annual session, and in addition, they shall receive the same mileage as allowed duly elected delegates.

Grange Law Committee Recommendation #8 Amend Bylaws Article IV Section 4 as follows: One duly elected delegate from each Subordinate and Pomona Grange ~~in good standing as shown by roll call of delegates prepared by the Secretary, or by the report of~~ as verified by the Committee on Credentials, shall receive ~~thirty cents per mile for the distance one way traveled one-way mileage by the most usual route, plus boat fare paid, if any, while attending the State Grange, and per diem expense as the Executive Committee may determine~~ [while attending the State session](#); provided: Such ~~To qualify, the~~ delegate shall report [must attend](#) all regular sessions and shall remain to the close of the session and all such [through adjournment](#); payments shall be made at the close of the session unless written excuse, [endorsed](#) approved by the State Master, is filed with the Secretary.

Resolution #2026-08-1101 – Pomona Grange Dues – Amend Constitution Article II Section 8 as follows: All Subordinate Granges in this state shall operate under the general dues plan and shall pay to the State Grange quarterly dues of \$7.50 plus the amount for National Grange dues for a regular member; \$15.00 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each family membership; and \$8.00 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each associate member; except if the member is under the age of nineteen (19) the quarterly dues shall be the amount owed for National Grange dues. ~~The State Grange shall transmit quarterly to the respective Pomona Granges twenty five cents per regular Subordinate member and fifty cents per family Subordinate member in their jurisdiction. Such payments by the State Grange to the Pomona Grange shall be in lieu of all Pomona dues.~~

Delete Bylaws Article VIII Section 5

~~Dues. The State Grange shall transmit quarterly to the respective Pomona Granges twenty five cents (\$.25) per regular subordinate member and fifty centers (\$.50) per family Subordinate member in their jurisdiction. Such payments by the State Grange to the Pomona Grange shall be in lieu of all Pomona dues.~~

Resolution #2026-14-1103 – Composition of the Grange Executive Committee – Amend Constitution Articles III Section 1 as follows: The officers of this State Grange shall consist of and rank as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee and Director of Family Living. [The elected Treasurer of any Grange shall not also be elected to the position of Executive Committee in the same Grange.](#)

The following alternative titles may be used: President for Master, Vice-President for Overseer, Program Director for Lecturer, Greeter for Gatekeeper, and Board of Directors for Executive Committee. It is understood that these titles are interchangeable within the printed materials of the Grange.

Amend Bylaws Article VIII Section 8 as follows: Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of Pomona Grange shall consist of three elective members and Master, Overseer, and Secretary, who shall be members ex officio. Of the elected members, one shall be elected each year to serve for a three-year term. [The Treasurer shall not also serve as a member of the Executive Committee.](#)

Amended Bylaws Article IX Section 18 (a) as follows: The officers of a Subordinate Grange shall be of the same number, name, and rank as those provided for in the State Grange. [The Treasurer shall not also serve as a member of the Executive Committee.](#)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

As of 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2026, we find 75 Subordinate Granges with 123 delegates and 21 Pomona Granges with 33 delegates, making a total of 156 voting delegates present which constitutes a quorum.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Basic Education Funding

14. We support the funding and creation of high-speed internet access for school students and staff across the State of Washington. (2020)

School Safety & Standards

~~1. We urge the U.S. Department of Education to require installation and maintenance of adequate carbon monoxide detectors in all school buildings. (2013)~~

Resolutions

Elected School Board Directors Required to Pass Criminal Background Checks

Resolution 2026-16-0701

Whereas, the local voters elect School Board Directors of school districts to serve on their local school boards for four years. No person shall be eligible to the office of school director who is not a citizen of the United States and the state of Washington and a registered voter of either the school district or director district; and

Whereas, School district volunteers are required to pass a criminal background check to volunteer in their local schools; and

Whereas, School district staff members are required to pass a criminal background check to be employed in their school district; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Grange urge the Washington State Legislature to update legislation that requires Washington State's elected school board directors to pass a criminal background check before taking the oath of office each time they are elected and that the Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) write a model policy to share with public school districts for adoption. After adoption, school districts will develop their procedures for this model policy.

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Election of Officers was held in accordance with the Constitution & Bylaws, and the following patrons were elected to serve for the constitutional term:

Executive Committee, 3-year term

Tom Cullen

Steward (unexpired 1-year term)

Jonny Pittman

Assistant Steward (unexpired 1-year term)

Brady Lierman

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Department of Fish and Wildlife

2. We support a State Fish and Wildlife Commission composed of one residing member for each of the state's game regions (six) and one member to be selected at large for a total of seven (7) members. We further support one member being an a landowner and agricultural producer. (2009)

Predators

3. We support the right of all people and landowners to protect themselves and their property, including all pets and domestic animals from a predator regardless of whether predator is on any endangered species list or not. ~~and believe it is important to work with other agricultural organizations to address and correct the inadequacies of WDFW proposed agricultural exemptions of critical habitat areas.~~

General Issues – add the following policy

8. We believe it is important to work with other agricultural organizations to address and correct the inadequacies of WDFW proposed agricultural exemptions of critical habitat areas.

Resolutions

Predator Management

Resolution 2026-10-0901

Whereas, the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) is tasked with the management of predators in the state of Washington; and

Whereas, the WDFW does not consider the "take" of the predators on wild populations of Ungulates, such as deer, elk, moose, big horn sheep and mountain goats; and

Whereas, the WDFW does not consider the pressure of one predator over another predator for the same food source and how this effects both predator species and the prey population numbers; and

Whereas, predators have an influence on populations of large Ungulates numbers and where these ungulates range; and

Whereas, the WDFW needs to start considering the "take" of all predators when managing population numbers of all prey, and also consider the influence of one predator to another predator, when setting predator population number targets; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the WDFW start considering the "take" of all predators and their influence on the prey animals health and movements; and be it further

Resolved, that each predator's total population number be managed with consideration to all other prey and Predators within the same ecosystem so that total wildlife populations show a balance population without special consideration of one species over the other; and be it further

Resolved, that resident licensed hunters in Washington State be used to help manage predator populations.

GRANGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Resolutions

Wheelchair Ramps Required

Resolution 2026-05-1002

Whereas, the Grange is for all ages; and

Whereas, the Grange has many of its members and visitors that are getting up in age; and

Whereas, there are many of the members and visitors that cannot negotiate stairs; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange encourages all Granges to make their Grange halls handicapped accessible.

State Grange Convention Host Committee Report

Resolution 2026-13-1003

Whereas, at one time the Host Committee for the State Grange Convention would compile a report following the hosting of the Annual State Grange Convention; and

Whereas, the report would consist of reports of tasks completed by each of the Sub-Committees, a copy of the Host Committee Budget, and a report of actual revenues and expenditures of the Host Committee; and

Whereas, the practice of compiling this report has been lost and/or discontinued over time; and

Whereas, while there are variations from year to year based upon convention facilities, tasks to be completed by the host committee, and the actual work of hosting the convention, the information contained in the final report could be useful as a starting point for future Convention Host Committees; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Host Committee for the Annual State Grange Convention compile a report following the convention to include a copy of their budget, a report of actual revenues and expenditures, and a report from each Convention Subcommittee; and be it further

Resolved, the report be completed within 90 days of the closing of the State Grange Convention; and be it further

Resolved, a copy of the completed report be furnished to the Washington State Grange.

Locator Function added to State Legislature Handbook

Resolution 2026-26-1005

Whereas, The Washington State Grange has elected to not distribute printed copies of the State's Program Handbook, making access to the handbook only available off of their website; and

Whereas, In the index under its present form, it shows what page a policy is on but doesn't allow you to click on the desired section to advance to the proper page; and

Whereas, the legislature handbook has 28 pages. If you want to look at something towards the end of the handbook you have to scroll down up to 28 pages before getting to the proper section; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Washington State Grange adapt a method to click on a link in the index and be moved to the desired page without the need to scroll through the entire handbook; and be it further

Resolved, the Washington State Grange investigate the feasibility of splitting the State Grange Legislative handbook into subject matter and/or criteria sections for posting on the State Grange website.

GRANGE LAW COMMITTEE

Recommendations

Recommendation #1- Increasing State Associate members' dues by \$3

Recommendation #2 - Increasing the State Membership Application fee to \$2 and increasing the State Family Membership Application Fee to \$4

Recommendation #3 - Increasing the Property Fund and Insurance Settlement and Claims Fund Custodial fee to 10%

Recommendation #4 - Increasing the Life Membership Fund fee to 10%.

Recommendation #5 - Increasing the interest charged Delinquent Granges to 3% or \$10 minimum per month.

Recommendation #6 - Deleting Bylaws Article I Section 9 Funds (c) Convention Registration Fee.

Recommendation #7 - That the Executive Committee shall determine annually the reimbursement for cost of hotel, motel or other sleeping accommodations for all officers, state directors, district directors or advisors, and deputies while attending the annual session.

Recommendation #8 - That the Executive Committee shall determine annually the mileage payment for delegates, officers, deputies, state directors, district directors or advisors attending the annual session

Resolutions

Pomona Grange Dues

Resolution 2026-08-1101

Whereas, the Grange is a grassroots organization with members' dues being collected at the Community Grange, with the required amount sent on to the State Grange. The State Grange then sends the required amount to the National Grange; and

Whereas, the current practice of the Washington State Grange of sending "quarterly to the respective Pomona Granges twenty-five cents per regular Subordinate member and fifty cents per family Subordinate member in their jurisdiction" is inefficient and costly relative to the amount of money received by the Pomonas; and

Whereas, individual Pomona Granges have the freedom to choose to collect dues from the community Granges within their jurisdiction or to hold fundraisers should they need to support the operations and projects of the Pomona Grange; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the following be removed from Article II, Section 8 of the Washington State Grange Constitution: "The State Grange shall transmit quarterly to the respective Pomona Granges twenty-five cents per regular Subordinate member and fifty cents per family Subordinate member in their jurisdiction. Such payments by the State Grange to the Pomona Grange shall be in lieu of all Pomona dues"; and be it further

Resolved, that Article VIII, Section 5 of the Bylaws of the Washington State Grange be removed in its entirety, and that the following sections within Article VIII be renumbered as appropriate.

Retaining Grange Membership Years

Resolution 2026-12-1102

Whereas, Washington State Grange currently has a policy that if a member quits the Grange for a while and then rejoins, he or she loses the earlier years, and the length of that person's membership is counted from the day they rejoined.

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange adopt a policy that any former member who rejoins the Grange shall retain his or her earlier years as part of that person's non-consecutive length of membership.

Composition of the Grange Executive Committee

Resolution 2026-14-1103

Whereas, the Washington State Grange Constitution and Bylaws define the Executive Committee as the Master/President, Overseer/Vice President, Secretary, and three elected Executive Committee members of a Grange; and

Whereas, the Executive Committee is responsible for overseeing the invested funds of the Grange and also the work of the elected Grange Treasurer; and

Whereas, there is a potential conflict-of-interest if the elected Treasurer was also elected to the Executive Committee as the Treasurer they would be overseeing their own work; therefore be it

Resolved, the elected Treasurer of any Grange shall not also be elected to the position of Executive Committee in the same Grange; and be it further

Resolved, the Washington State Grange Constitution and Bylaws be amended to reflect the Treasurer shall not also serve as a member of the Executive Committee in the same Grange.

HEALTH, HEALTH CARE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook

Opening Statement

~~The Washington State Grange is committed to ensuring access to high quality health care services for all citizens. It is important that we continue working to improve funding for the hearing impaired as adequate screening, qualified teachers, and interpreters are all essential. We support child and family issues to include a strict definition of child abuse as well as adoption of rules for and continued funding of community public health and safety networks. The Washington State Grange believes that public health and safety remains essential, especially to have strict food and drinking water safety standards. In addition, we support education on the dangers of drugs, drug abuse (prescription and illegal), alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.~~

The Washington State Grange champions healthy, safe, and resilient rural and small-town communities by advocating for accessible, high-quality health care, strong local public health systems, and the infrastructure needed to support well-being at every stage of life. We recognize the unique challenges facing rural areas and support education, prevention, and responsible practices that strengthen community safety, protect families, and ensure that every community – regardless of size or location – has the opportunity and resources to thrive today and for generations to come.

Food Safety and Sanitation

1. We urge strict food safety standards and ~~strict enforcement of these standards.~~

Public Health and Safety – add a new policy as follows

8. We support child and family issues to include a strict definition of child abuse and neglect as well as adoption of rules for, and continued funding of, community public health and safety networks.

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Federal Government Operations

2. We ask for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that protects the recitation of:
- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which shall be: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
 - The use of the National Motto, which shall be: "IN GOD WE TRUST."
 - ~~That the name of God should be retained on our currency and kept in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.~~

Resolutions

TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

Resolution 2026-02-1301

Whereas, Washington State faces significant tsunami threats from multiple sources, including a major Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, offshore and regional seismic events including within Puget Sound, submarine landslides, and distant Pacific earthquakes, any of which could generate dangerous waves and flooding affecting coastal communities, ports, and critical infrastructure; and

Whereas, scientific studies indicate the Cascadia Subduction Zone, a 600-mile fault just off the Washington coast, is capable of producing a magnitude 9.0 earthquake that could generate a tsunami that reaches coastal communities in minutes, leaving little time for warnings and evacuations and making coordinated disaster preparedness and responsive planning essential; and

Whereas, the United States Congress took action to prepare and protect Americans and our coastal communities from tsunamis and other emergencies by approving the Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act as a part of the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act in 2017; and

Whereas, bipartisan legislation has been introduced in the United States Senate via the Tsunami Warning, Research, and Education Act of 2026 (S.3881), which will reauthorize the Tsunami Warning and Education Act for five years; and

Whereas, the Tsunami Warning, Research, and Education Act of 2026 (S.3881) would strengthen our nation's tsunami warning systems and improve tsunami preparedness by:

- Reauthorize appropriations for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) tsunami programs at \$35 million for fiscal years 2027 through 2031, an increase of \$9.235 million (35.8%) above fiscal year 2026 appropriations;
- Require NOAA to evaluate and improve tsunami alert communications, maintain fail-safe tsunami warning capabilities, and conduct annual tsunami warning drills with federal, state, local and tribal partners;
- Expand NOAA's coordination efforts on tsunami warnings, preparedness, and response to include tribes and Native American organizations;
- Direct the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to evaluate the nation's emergency preparedness for a Cascadia Subduction Zone event, and direct NOAA to implement a strategy to improve tsunami preparedness based on GAO's review;

- Protect NOAA's access to seismic data from the Alaska Earthquake Center; and
- Require each Tsunami Warning Center to hire a Tsunami Warning Coordinator to coordinate with state, local, and tribal emergency managers; therefore be it

Resolved, the Grange urges Congressional adoption of the Tsunami Warning, Research, and Education Act of 2026 (S.3881) or similar legislation that will assist in preparing and protecting Americans and the coastal communities by strengthening our nation's tsunami warning systems and improving tsunami preparedness; and be it further

Resolved the United States government and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) work with other nations to strengthen tsunami preparedness of our coast communities.

NEW NEUTRALITY

Resolution 2026-09-1302

Whereas, net neutrality is the principle that Internet Service Providers (ISPs) must treat all data equally, without blocking, throttling, or prioritizing specific content for payment. It ensures an open internet, preventing ISPs from acting as gatekeepers that favor certain sites over others, maintaining a level playing field for innovation, user choice, and free expression; and

Whereas, without net neutrality, ISPs can create "fast lanes" for companies that pay more, disadvantaging smaller websites and creators; and

Whereas, net neutrality prevents ISPs from blocking competitor services or manipulating data traffic for their own benefit; and

Whereas, net neutrality protects access to essential services, including telehealth, online education, and communication, ensuring they are not degraded; and

Whereas, currently there is no federal regulation for the following:

- preventing blocking of website, services, or content online
- preventing throttling or slowing down of website or services online
- preventing paid prioritization where broadband providers give preferential treatment to some websites and services over others; and

Whereas, different states have started implementing their own net neutrality rules, creating different rules across the country; therefore, be it

Resolved, the National Grange urge Congress to support net neutrality legislation focused on the Bright Line Rules, which are no censoring, no throttling, and no pay for priority of internet services.

THE RIGHT TO USE CASH AS PAYMENT

Resolution 2026-23-1303

Whereas, businesses have started to not except cash for payment of goods and services; and

Whereas, currently 11 States (California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts New York, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Washington DC) have passed laws requiring businesses to accept cash; and

Whereas, it does state on paper money "Legal tender for all debts, public and private. This means it must be accepted to pay off an existing debt; and

Whereas, there is no federal law in the US that requires private businesses to accept cash; and
Whereas, The Federal House bipartisan sponsored bill "Payment Choice Act of 2025" says: "To ensure that United States currency is treated as legal tender to be accepted as payment for purchases of goods and services at brick-and-mortar businesses throughout the United States, and for other purposes."; therefore, be it

Resolved, the National Grange and the Washington State Grange support legislation which requires all brick and mortar businesses be required to accept U.S. legal tender (cash) as payment without penalty or surcharge, subject to convenience, practicality, and safety as determined by appropriate authority.

STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Firearms

1. We urge that ~~current~~ laws dealing with background checks on the purchase of firearms be enforced before any new regulations are enacted. (2013)

Juvenile Justice

2. We support boot camp style and skill training, work camps for juveniles who are convicted of crimes except **for** a Class A felony.

Land Use

5. We believe land use regulations should be consolidated, ~~and~~ the permit process simplified and ~~that~~ applications ~~should be~~ acted upon in a timely manner. (2025)

Miscellaneous

8. We believe that each cemetery district in the State of Washington should remain a standalone entity. ~~However, should there be a consolidation of a cemetery district with a different type of taxing district, those funds held in reserve by the cemetery district shall be used for capital improvements or land acquisition for the former cemetery district.~~ (2013)

Add a new policy as follows:

We believe that if a cemetery district consolidates with a different type of taxing district, those funds held in reserve by the cemetery district shall be used for capital improvements or land acquisition for the former cemetery district.

Telecommunications

~~1. We endorse incentives to private businesses, government agencies and private citizens to develop telecommunication services.~~

4. We support legislation which allows and encourages **private citizens and businesses**, consumer groups, municipal corporations, and public utility districts to establish or enhance the use of broadband and telecommunication facilities. (2021)

~~5. We oppose all proposals or existing laws which are designed to restrict the ability of consumers or communities to create their own telecommunication options.~~

Resolutions

Is This House Real?

Resolution 2026-01-1401

Whereas, Modern home shopping is predicated on visual appeal of the space and intended users; and

Whereas, Artificial Intelligence (AI) can help with imagining the empty home as staged or remove contents which may intentionally or unintentionally misrepresent the home space; therefore, be it

Resolved, All real estate listings using Artificial Intelligence to modify or enhance photographs be visibly watermarked or noted per picture as altered by AI.

Addressing Roadside Waste Through Infrastructure, Stewardship and Community Health

Resolution 2026-11-1402

Whereas, roadside litter and illegal dumping damage soil, waterways, wildlife habitat, and the health and appearance of our communities; and

Whereas, unmanaged roadside waste creates public health and safety concerns by attracting pests, exposing people to hazardous materials, and spreading unsanitary conditions into shared land and water systems; and

Whereas, existing cleanup efforts and volunteer-based programs alone have not been sufficient to address chronic roadside waste accumulation in heavily impacted areas; therefore, be it

Resolved, that The Washington State Grange advocate for the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the Washington State Legislature to develop and fund stronger, more effective, and more coordinated programs for roadside cleanup, illegal dumping prevention, and long-term maintenance.

Legislative Session Length

Resolution 2026-18-1404

Whereas, during the Washington State 2026 Legislative session, HJR 4210 was introduced to amend the Constitution of the State of Washington to remove the lengths of regular sessions of the legislature; and

Whereas, the current lengths are 105 days in the odd-numbered years, and 60 days in the even numbered years; and

Whereas, the current system ensures all the business for the year is completed in a timely manner; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange oppose any legislation to remove or change the lengths of the State of Washington legislative sessions.

40 Hour Work Week

Resolution 2026-19-1405

Whereas, during the 2026 Legislative session, HB2611 was introduced to reduce the standard work week to 32 hours; and

Whereas, this would require employers to pay overtime rates at 1.5 times the standard rate for hours worked over 32 in a week; and

Whereas, this bill did not pass out of the House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards, the Representative who sponsored will likely re-introduce it in the next legislative session; and

Whereas, to avoid paying the overtime rate, many Employers would cut workers' hours, resulting in a 20% cut in take home pay for employees; and

Whereas, this would make it necessary for employees to seek a second employment to be able to financially support their families, which would result in them working 64 hours per week at straight time; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange oppose any legislation to reduce the standard work week below 40 hours.

Homeless Non-Governmental Organizations

Resolution 2026-20-1406

Whereas, currently the State of Washington 2025-2026 budget for reducing homelessness is over \$2.3 billion from State funds. This does not include funds from local or county governments; and

Whereas, Washington State can't directly enact the programs to help the Homeless people of the State of Washington, because the funds are required to be channeled through Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs); and

Whereas, these NGOs are not accountable to the taxpayers of Washington State; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State Grange urge the Washington State Legislature to put in place a cap of 10% of state allocated funds to be used for Salaries and Overhead Expenses of operating NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations) for the homeless.

TAXATION & FISCAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Fuel Tax:

Change the title of this section to Fuel **and Road** Taxes.

Miscellaneous Taxes

6. We encourage **urge** the legislature to repeal the state capital gains tax. (2023)

~~9. We support changing tax laws to allow only wage earners, filing with a Social Security Number, authorization to file for Additional Child Tax Credits. (2012)~~

Property Tax

~~1. We request the Washington State Legislature, and the Washington State Department of Revenue increase the property tax exemption in RCW 81.36.805 (Section 5) and RCW 84.36.037 regarding the condition for obtaining a property tax exemption for public assembly halls or meeting places of nonprofit organizations from fifteen (15) days to thirty (30) days. (2024)~~

Tax Levies & Mandates

1. We oppose all unfunded government mandates as they impose an unfair burden on taxpayers ~~at the local level.~~ (2011)

Resolutions

Supporting Sales and Use Tax Relief on Farm Machinery and Equipment

Resolution 2026-03-1501

Whereas, agriculture remains a cornerstone of Washington State's economy, food security, and rural community vitality; and

Whereas, Washington State is one of two states that continue to impose retail sales and use tax on farm machinery and equipment used directly in agricultural production; and

Whereas, reducing the tax burden on essential farm equipment would:

- Lower production costs
- Encourage modernization and operational efficiency
- Support adoption of advanced agricultural technologies
- Strengthen local rural economies through reinvestment
- Enhance the long-term viability of family farms; and

Whereas, access to capital equipment remains one of the greatest barriers facing beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as those returning to agriculture, and targeted tax relief can reduce start-up costs and improve entry pathways for the next generation of producers; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Washington State Grange supports the exemption from state sales and use tax on farm and agricultural supplies, all off-highway fuels, including diesel, gasoline, alcohol, propane and natural gas, and farm machinery and equipment used in agricultural production, to include farmer-to-farmer sales.

Eliminate Personal Property Tax

Resolution 2026-25-1503

Whereas, the average business, including ranchers and farmers, small or large, currently pay the following taxes, B&O, Mileage tax, Use Tax, Sales Tax, fuel tax, real property tax (which includes funds to City, County, School, Hospital, Library, Park & Rec), Personal Property Tax; and

Whereas, businesses could not operate without the necessary equipment to run their operation, especially the ranchers and farmers who require many pieces of machinery who pay a personal property tax which is assessed by the local assessor subject to the local levy. The Assessor is responsible for setting the "true and fair value" based on trended and depreciated tables and this tax stays on until the item is no longer in use. Much of the machinery is seasonal or used for short periods of time but you pay a yearly tax. Trucking equipment pays tax on parts, tires, gas, mileage, road usage and federal highway tax and, if purchased out of state and titled, there is a tax once and, if not titled pay every year. What this amounts to is double and triple taxation; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Washington State Grange support the elimination of the Personal Property Tax for agricultural producers in the State of Washington.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Changes to the 2026 Legislative Policy Handbook:

Marine Transportation

~~5. We request that the cruise lines have outside resources available for emergency evacuation or towing the vessel to the nearest port. (2013)~~

Rail

~~4. We support freight competition between barge lines, railways, trucking, and all forms of transportation.~~

9. We encourage the State of Washington to use a portion of the allocated **study** funds to include research of the estimated cost of creating a high-speed railroad track between Portland, OR and Seattle, WA as a first phase to start the transition from current passenger train travel to future passenger train travel on separate tracks. (2025)

Rest Areas

~~2. We request that WSDOT post permanent signs prior to highway exits near rest areas advertising free coffee. (2013)~~

4. We recommend that established rest stops with a **safety rest areas with** high traffic volumes **s** remain open all year and be maintained.

5. We urge WSDOT to provide adequate rest **truck** parking areas for long-haul truckers **and that parking regulations in rest areas be enforced.**

Road Safety

~~3. We believe **urge** that all overpass/ bridge clearance height warning signs for overpass bridges less than 14 feet 6 inches be posted and clearly readable before the last exit before said overpass/ bridge. (2011)~~

4. We recommend that roadway markings on all public roads ~~should~~ be inspected at least once per year. If markings are found to be deficient, restriping and reflector replacement ~~should~~ be scheduled in a timely manner. (2021)

Safety – General

~~2. We urge the Washington State Legislature to pass legislation making the availability of data in the event data recorder (black box) to only be available with the written permission of the vehicle's registered owner. (2013)~~

Resolutions

Additional Regulations Needed on E-Bikes

Resolution 2026-26-1601

Whereas, on page 29, of the Washington State Legislative Handbook; Transportation section; Licensing; No. 3, the Washington State Grange has policy on E-bikes (Electric powered bicycles); and

Whereas, the State of Washington has grouped Type 1 and 2 E-bikes as bicycles with no age or helmet restrictions; and

Whereas, type 2 bikes can be operated with a throttle without the need to peddle the bicycle and can travel up to 20 mph. Type 3 E-bikes can travel up to 28 mph; and

Whereas, statistics are showing a 300% increase in accidents related to E-bikes from 2019 to 2023 giving significant data indicating more restrictions need to be put on E-bikes, especially those classified as Type 2 and Type 3 E-bikes; therefore, be it

Resolved current policy Licensing #3 be deleted; and be it further

Resolved, we support modification of RCW 46.16A.080 (2) where the licensing exemption for E-bikes (Electric-assisted bicycles) applies only to type 1 E-bikes (a pedal assist bicycle that only assists up to 20 mph) when traveling on public roadways or bike lanes; and be it further

Resolved, we further support licensing and insurance requirements for type 2 and 3 E-bikes.”

GRANGE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

NUMBER	NAME	COUNTY	AS OF 1/1/2025	AS OF 12/31/2025	AS OF 1/1/2025	AS OF 12/31/2025
1	Waitsburg	Columbia	27	29		
26	Elma	Grays Harbor	23	24	7	19
33	Fords Prairie	Lewis	37	32		
34	Baw Faw	Lewis	40	38		
48	LaCenter	Clark	18	19	2	2
49	Goldendale	Klickitat	70	67		
79	Mountain Valley	Clark	44	43	3	3
81	Centerville	Klickitat	59	65	1	1
82	Washington	Clark	73	71	1	1
87	Columbia	Klickitat	16	15		
94	Glenwood	Klickitat	15	20		
98	Mountain View	Klickitat	24	28		
101	Pleasant Hill	Cowlitz	52	34	1	1
105	Silver Lake	Cowlitz	21	21		
114	Whelan/Ewartsville	Whitman	58	82		2
115	Pine Grove	Whitman	30	29	1	
118	Johnson	Whitman	27	Closed		
121	Stevenson	Skamania	14	20		
124	Grays River	Wahkiakum	61	53		
129	Sunnyside	Cowlitz	48	47		
133	Mayview	Garfield	4	4		
136	Kellogg Marsh	Snohomish	23	22		
141	Wilcox	Whitman	15	14		
148	East Spokane	Spokane	34	37		

150	Silver Creek/Ethel	Lewis	20	18		
153	Forest	Lewis	36	54		1
155	Hope	Lewis	40	40		1
161	Moran Prairie	Spokane	43	42		
163	Brighton Park	Thurston	43	43	1	1
164	Minnehaha	Clark	29	32		
169	Haynie	Whatcom	41	41		
178	Woodland	Cowlitz	16	16		
183	Satsop	Grays Harbor	10	10		
198	Newaukum	Lewis	48	43		
199	Catlin	Cowlitz	30	25		
201	North Bellingham	Whatcom	15	13		
208	Laurel	Whatcom	41	41		
210	Trout Lake	Klickitat	20	20		
226	Rome	Whatcom	44	44		
250	South Bay	Thurston	17	28		
261	Summit Park	Skagit	24	24		
265	Meridian	King	47	28		
266	Edgewood	Pierce	39	34		
267	Fern Bluff	Snohomish	19	17		
275	The Agate	Mason	25	22		
276	Marion	Pierce	67	93	10	10
278	Gardenspot	Stevens	28	25		
280	Garden City	Snohomish	33	18		
284	Tualco	Snohomish	51	47		
286	Sammamish Valley	King	36	33		
296	Lower Naches	Yakima	31	31		
300	Green Bluff	Spokane	98	94	1	1
306	Cedar Valley	Snohomish	40	39		
311	Oakview	Lewis	68	65	1	1
315	Prosperity	Thurston	24	28		
322	Happy Valley	King	52	50		
334	Orchardvale	Yakima	14	Closed		
348	Fruitvale	Yakima	27	36		
355	Mossyrock	Lewis	43	40		
357	Matlock	Mason	63	68	20	15
372	Quillisascut	Stevens	32	33		
374	Stranger Creek	Stevens	46	31		
379	Skokomish	Mason	31	28		
383	McLane	Thurston	24	26		
385	Bee Hive	Chelan	40	45		
389	Beacon Hill	Chelan	18	16		
399	Ten Mile	Whatcom	31	37		

404	Bethel	Kitsap	16	15		
407	Lincoln Creek	Lewis	39	43		1
414	Finley	Benton	11	11		
415	Buena Vista	Benton	8	8		
417	Adna	Lewis	29	25		
425	Skamokawa	Wahkiakum	22	16		
452	Williams Valley	Stevens	48	47	2	4
456	Clayton	Stevens	11	7		
482	Twisp Valley	Okanogan	31	39		
500	Calispell	Pend Oreille	24	16		
501	Davis Lake	Pend Oreille	29	26		
506	Diamond Lake	Pend Oreille	18	16		
527	Willapa Valley	Pacific	28	22		
533	Fort Colville	Stevens	54	41	5	8
534	Cedar	King	39	31		
545	Fredonia	Skagit	20	16		
556	Kenova	Whitman	38	37		
571	Barberton	Clark	79	93	7	9
581	Issaquah Valley	King	30	28	2	2
584	Skookumchuck	Thurston	26	30		
586	Terrace Heights	Yakima	55	55	2	2
590	Greenwood Park	Stevens	33	33	6	6
603	Addy	Stevens	129	140	46	51
608	Selah Heights	Yakima	40	38		
610	Tyler	Spokane	54	54		
619	Fairview	Clallam	25	24		
620	Skagit Valley	Skagit	59	71		
630	Burbank	Walla Walla	33	26		
646	Dry Creek	Clallam	46	47	6	6
647	Broadway	Yakima	56	40	1	
661	Quillayute Valley	Clallam	15	11		
667	Long Beach	Pacific	36	42		
671	Nob Hill	Yakima	6	6		
679	Malo	Ferry	18	17		2
681	Chimacum	Jefferson	51	39	1	1
684	San Poil	Ferry	27	30	4	4
687	Camden	Pend Oreille	37	37		
690	South Lake Stevens	Snohomish	48	40		
698	Espanola	Spokane	25	21		
702	Roy	Pierce	32	29		1
710	Mansford	Snohomish	22	7		
712	Eagle Cliff	Ferry	9	5		
720	Quimper	Jefferson	31	36		

730	Humptulips	Grays Harbor	66	68	1	1
731	Kennewick Valley	Benton	24	24		
737	Cowlitz Prairie	Lewis	65	42	1	1
769	North Creek Valley	Snohomish	10	8		
774	Olympic View	Grays Harbor	36	36		
776	Bluestem	Lincoln	12	11		
780	Inland	Spokane	25	23		
782	Elk Plain	Pierce	39	42		1
784	Enterprise	Stevens	19	13		
786	East Hill	King	54	46		
791	Bryant	Snohomish	30	23		
796	Manson	Chelan	117	98	16	24
798	Wilbur	Lincoln	11	7		
800	Sharon	Grays Harbor	37	58		
805	Steele Lk Highline	King	85	80		
807	Grand Coulee	Lincoln	8	5		
812	Ohop	Pierce	54	31	5	1
815	Rexville	Skagit	40	45		
819	Chumstick	Chelan	39	36	2	2
822	Mondovi	Lincoln	12	11		
831	Central	Spokane	27	33		
832	St. Andrews	Douglas	106	102	14	14
836	Buena	Yakima	64	66		
837	Canniwai	Lincoln	7	5		
842	Camas Valley	Stevens	49	51		3
846	Deer Lagoon	Island	99	90	4	3
848	McMillin	Pierce	38	38		
849	Salmon Creek	Clark	49	46		
853	Fargher Lake	Clark	106	112	18	25
857	Granville	Snohomish	39	38	1	1
860	South Union	Thurston	39	34	4	4
861	Black Lake	Thurston	17	13		
866	Fern Prairie	Clark	64	57	5	6
870	Sunny Valley	Yakima	5	Closed		
875	Tieton	Yakima	7	7		
879	Silverdale	Kitsap	23	19		
885	East Cheney	Spokane	12	11		
890	Alder Creek	Klickitat	45	39		
893	Collins	Pierce	36	36	1	1
902	East Oakville	Grays Harbor	30	29		
905	Five Mile Prairie	Spokane	44	44	8	8
909	Spring Hill	Spokane	43	44		
925	Lummi Island	Whatcom	64	63		

926	Samish Valley	Skagit	26	24		1
927	Triangle	Spokane	8	7		
930	South Camano	Island	13	22		
931	Odessa	Lincoln	20	13		
938	Columbia Valley	Franklin	59	61		
941	Rimrock	Adams	22	23		
943	Ralston	Adams	102	106	1	1
946	North River	Pacific	18	17		
947	No. Willapa Harbor	Pacific	17	17		
951	Spring Creek	Lincoln	41	40		
952	Wheatland	Whitman	43	23		
953	Rose Valley	Cowlitz	34	30		
955	Sallal	King	23	27		
964	Orcas Island	San Juan	26	20		
965	Horseshoe	Snohomish	30	34		
966	San Juan Island	San Juan	241	285		
978	Pleasant Grove	Garfield	8	6		
980	Windsor	Spokane	14	15		
982	Clarkston Heights	Asotin	33	38		
984	Swauk Teanaway	Kittitas	109	111	1	
985	Oroville	Okanogan	40	38		
986	Mt. Olive	Okanogan	31	30		
996	Violet Prairie	Thurston	37	35	1	1
999	Fruitland	Pierce	49	51	2	2
1001	McIntosh	Spokane	58	58	5	5
1004	N. & S, Palouse	Whitman	33	31		
1005	Steptoe	Whitman	12	9		
1008	Tri Community	Spokane	28	16		
1012	East Wenatchee	Douglas	96	98	8	14
1014	Entiat	Chelan	21	11	5	
1018	Brewster	Okanogan	20	15		
1019	Tunk Valley	Okanogan	44	33		
1035	Lind	Adams	8	4		
1039	Patit Valley	Columbia	12	13		
1047	Riverside Valley	Pierce	22	20		
1048	The Valley	Stevens	15	17		1
1051	Bainbridge Island	Kitsap	13	13		
1054	Menastash	Kittitas	231	254	47	77
1058	Stillaguamish	Snohomish	24	25		
1060	Lopez Island	San Juan	33	32		
1067	Prospect Point	Walla Walla	69	75	17	31
1069	Molson	Okanogan	53	55	1	1
1086	Logan Hill	Lewis	34	39	4	4

1093	Tri-Way	Snohomish	13	18		
1094	Fertile Valley	Pend Oreille	31	31		
1095	Stemilt Hill	Chelan	20	17		
1100	Newcastle	King	11	8		
1101	Manor	Clark	24	29		
1103	Okanogan	Okanogan	42	41		
1108	Sequim Prairie	Clallam	158	146	6	6
1111	Waller Road	Pierce	109	109	1	1
1118	Twanoh	Mason	11	10		
1120	Kettle River	Stevens	83	84	3	3
1123	Crescent	Clallam	68	76		
1125	Olalla	Kitsap	19	35		
1126	Crystal	Kitsap	12	12		
1143	White Trail	Grant	77	77	2	8
1151	Moses Lake	Grant	79	76	22	20
1152	Freedom	Franklin	22	25	3	4
1153	Selkirk Valley	Pend Oreille	Opened	22	12	40
Jr 27	Haynie Jr	Whatcom			3	3
Jr 49	Fargher Lake Jr	Clark			37	47
J-143	Marion Jr	Pierce			Opened	18
Jr 156	The Valley Jr	Stevens			8	8
Jr 195	Ralston Jr	Adams			15	Closed
Jr 212	Columbia Valley Jr	Franklin			12	12
Jr 236	East Hill Jr	King			8	8
Jr 329	Horseshoe Jr	Snohomish			11	11
Jr 344	Deer Lagoon Jr	Island			10	Closed
Jr 366	Mossyrock Jr	Lewis			3	3
Jr 373	Green Bluff Jr	Spokane			14	14
Jr 376	Humptulips Jr	Grays Harbor			24	18
Jr 379	Greenwood Park Jr	Stevens			22	15
Jr 390	Addy Jr	Stevens			91	50
Jr 395	Camas Valley Jr	Stevens			8	8
Jr 400	Camp Wooten Jr	Garfield			43	59
Jr 401	Camp Morehead Jr	Pacific			20	20
Jr 402	Camp NEWA Jr	Stevens			42	42
Jr 403	Camp Mayfield Jr	Lewis			73	45
Jr 404	Camp Cornet Bay Jr	Island			42	42
Jr 406	Wilcox (Whitman Co) Jr	Whitman			10	10
Jr 407	Pleasant Hill Jr	Cowlitz			3	Closed
Jr 408	Clallam County Jr	Clallam			78	94
Jr 410	North River Jr	Pacific			8	12
Jr 412	Stranger Creek Jr	Stevens			24	24

Jr 413	Kettle River Jr	Stevens			70	70
Jr 414	Sharon Jr	Grays Harbor			12	12
Jr 2005	WA State Jr				10	10

TOTALS

8312

8181

1163

1126

CONTESTS AND AWARDS

GRANGE HALL IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

Plaques, Cash Awards, & Town Markers

First Place – Crescent #1123

Second Place – Sequim Prairie #1108

Third Place – Fargher Lake #853

Fourth Place – Moses Lake #1151

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

INGA ANDERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Parker Sackman – Fort Colville #533

BEAR CREEK/HORSESHOE GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Owen Skinner – Horseshoe #965

HORACE BOZARTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Laura Klein – Prospect Point #1067

NORMAN BUCCHOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Chloe Clyburn – Menastash #1054

ADRIAN & BETTY DEVRIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Preston Stingley – Menastash #1054

DELPHA GOUDE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Marguerite Bailey – McIntosh #1001

Addison Bowen – McIntosh #1001

FIDELITY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Tyler Schuyleman – Been Hive #385

MARTIN & GRACE FORRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bailey Sherley – Menastash #1054

FOX ISLAND GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP

Caden Bates – Moses Lake #1151

RAY & MARIAN KAMMERER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Olivia Berdan – Bee Hive #385

April Jones – Five Mile Prairie #905

Lauren Rohde – Waitsburg #1

KEGLEY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP
Melissa Kudsk – Haynie #169

LONE YEW GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Maya Hankins – Mossyrock #355

MCCLEARY GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Aaron Gwin – Humptulips #730

NOB HILL GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Hayden Ostrander – Terrace Heights #586

POMONA VILLA GENERAL SHOLARSHIP
Bode Sherley – Menastash #1054
Sofie Nicholson – Menastash #1054
Johanna Smith – Menastash #1054

POMONA VILLA PIERCE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP
Aryanna Cerar – Elk Plain #782

ROCK CREEK GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP
Allyson Stoller – Fargher Lake #853

MARTIN & SNOWIE VANDERPOOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jocelyn DeGroat – Five Mile Prairie #905

WA STATE GRANGE FAMILY LIVING VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
Lukas Teague – Dry Creek #646

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Community Volunteer of the Year
Kara Mathenia, Deer Lagoon #846

Teacher of the Year – Aaron Gwin
Nominated by Humptulips #730

Firefighter/EMT of the Year – Stacie Poff
Nominated by Sunnyside #129

Volunteer Group of the Year – Olympia Quiltmakers
nominated by Brighton Park #162

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTEST

First Place – Fruitland #999
Second Place – Humptulips #730
Third Place – North River #946
Fourth Place – McLane #383

SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS REPORTED

Grange	# of Volunteers	# of Hours
Brighton Park #163	0	0
Elk Plain #782	9	346
Edgewood #266	6	40
Fargher Lake #853	35	1414
Fruitland #999	40	4000
G.H./Pacific Pomona #28	0	0
Greenwood Park #590	21	15452
Happy Valley #322	5	3565
Horseshoe #965	47	1648
Humptulips #730	60	8825
Kellogg Marsh #136	6	360
Logan Hill #1086	10	1769
Marion #276	23	982
McLane #383	10	671
Mossyrock #355	24	3150
North River #946	21	1297
Olympic View #773	8	100
Pierce County Pomona #16	0	0
Rexville #815	20	32
Riverside Valley #1047	5	762
South Lake Stevens #690	10	700
South Union #860	16	520
Washington #82	18	2547
TOTAL	394	48180

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**New Member Recruitment Drawing****Junior Grange Membership - \$25 cash awards**

North River Jr Grange #410

Camp Cornet Bay Junior Grange #404

Whelan Ewartsville Grange #114 – two awards

Humptulips Jr Grange #376

Camp Wooten Junior Grange #400

Subordinate Grange Membership – \$250 Cash Awards

Rose Valley #953

Whelan Ewartsville #114

Matlock #357

Grange Recognition – 100 Years

Bryant #791

Buena #836

Camas Valley #842

Canniwai #837

Central #831

Green Bluff #300

Mondovi #822

St. Andrews #836

YOUTH DEPARTMENT AWARDS

YOUTH PIZZAZZ AWARD

Brady Lierman, Horseshoe #965

YOUTH RAFFLE DRAWING

First Place - \$400 – Dry Creek Grange #646

Second Place - \$100 – Fruitvale Grange #348

Third Place - \$60 – So Lake Stevens Grange #690

Fourth Place - \$40 – Pam Mathews

PUBLIC SPEAKING – IMPROMPTU

First Place, ages 14-20 – Melissa Kudsk, Haynie #169

Second Place, ages 14-20 – Keyalie Compton, Mossyrock #355

First Place, ages 21-30 – Brittany Gordon, Rimrock #941

Second Place, ages 21-30 – Jacob Gwin, Humptulips #730

Third Place, ages 21-30 – Sheyenne Koen, Kellogg Marsh #136

First Place, age 31 and over – Mary Brouillard, South Union #860

Second Place, age 31 and over – Rick Ferguson, Waitsburg #1

Third Place, age 31 and over – Jarrod Gardner, McMillin #848

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

Animal Science – Ages 5-7

First Place – Willa Dingman, St. Andrews #832

Second Place – Paisley Jachetta, Moses Lake #1151

Animal Science – Ages 8-10

First Place – Wyatt Peters, St. Andrews #832

Second Place – Grant Walker, St. Andrews #832

Third Place – Kelly Wold, Bee Hive #385

Animal Science – Ages 11-13

First Place – Charlie Thorson, Prospect Point #1067

Second Place – Casper Jess, St. Andrews #832

Third Place – Elise Clinton, St. Andrews #832

Animal Science – Ages 14-19

First Place – Jackson Hutchens, Prospect Point #1067

Second Place – Lucas Durbin, St. Andrews #832

Third Place – Keegan Allen, Fargher Lake #853

Non-Animal – Ages 8-10

First Place – Liliana Brownrigg, Humptulips Jr #376

Non-Animal – Ages 11-13

First Place – Madelyn Richmond, East Wenatchee #1012

Second Place – Karlie Schumacher, Humptulips Jr #376

RECORD BOOKS

First Place, Ages 5-7 – Ashley Jachetta, Moses Lake #1151

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Junior Grange Community Service – First Place: Humptulips Junior Grange #376;

Ned Cullen Award- Camp Wooten Junior Grange #400

Junior Grange Leader of the Year – Norm Manley, Manson Grange #796

Junior Granger of the Year – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips Jr Grange #376

Junior Grange Pizzazz Award – James Brouillard, South Union Grange #860

Junior Grange Fair Booth Contest

First – Humptulips JG #376 (Grays Harbor Fair)

Second – Humptulips JG #376 (Cowlitz Fair)

Junior Grange Tri Boards

First – Humptulips JG #376

General Craft:

Age 5-8: 1st - Teagan Gilmour, 2nd - Malcolm Jensen, 3rd - Harper Lee Howell

Age 9-13: 1st - Heidi Werner, 2nd - Halona Youngblood Jones, 3rd - Brooke Bromily

Book Marks:

Age 5-7: 1st - Hunter Brownrigg

Age 8-10: 1st - Lilianna Brownrigg

Age 11-13: 1st - Karlie Schumaker, 2nd - Morgan Arthur, 3rd - Rhett Thomas

Musical Instruments:

Age 5-7: 1st - Zion Stratton (Tambourine), 2nd - Zion Stratton (Rainstick), 3rd - Hunter Brownrigg (Tambourine)
 Age 8-10: 1st - Haven Stratton (Tambourine), 2nd - Golden Stratton (Rainstick), 3rd - Golden Stratton (Harmonica)
 Age 11-13: 1st - Cash Montgomery (Tambourine), 2nd - Remi Montgomery (Rainstick), 3rd - Remi Montgomery (Tambourine)

Recycled Craft:

Age 11-13: 1st - Morgan Arthur (Bracelet made from recycled elastic hair bands), 2nd - Morgan Arthur (Bow and arrow made from flossers and toothpicks)

Sculpture:

Age 8-10: 1st - James Brouillard
 Age 9-11: Bruce Brouillard

LECTURER DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Photography * Arts & Crafts * Creative Writing * Fair Booth * Outstanding Lecturer * Department Auctions
 Total entries ALL divisions pre-submitted: 435
 Total entries presented and judged: 365

DIVISION 100 – PHOTOGRAPHY

J1: Best of Show - \$10	Natalie Grubb	Beehive #385/Chelan #23
J1: 2 nd Best of Show - \$5	Emma Grubb	Beehive #385/Chelan #23
J2: Best of Show - \$15	Truman Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	Charlie Thorson	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
Y: Best of Show - \$25	Karlyn Kocher	Chumstick #819/Chelan #23
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	Bridget Klein	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
A: Best of Show - \$50	Denny Lippert	Camden #687/Pend Oreille #29
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Nicole Rustine	South Lake Stevens #690/Snohomish #12

DIVISION 200 – ART, PAINTINGS & DRAWINGS

J1: Best of Show - \$10	none	
J1: 2 nd Best of Show \$5	none	
J2: Best of Show - \$15	Declan Kemano	Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	Lillian Wilber	Elk Plain #792/Pierce #16
Y: Best of Show - \$25	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	Erin Metzger	Long Beach #667/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28
A: Best of Show - \$50	Sophia Klein	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Jim Beerbower	Sharon #800/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28

DIVISION 210 – WOOD CRAFTS

J1: Best of Show - \$10	Golden Stratton	Marion #276/Pierce #16
J1: 2 nd Best of Show \$5	none	
J2: Best of Show - \$15	Kalyani Brown	Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	Adalyn Wilcox	Molson #1069/Okanogan #53
Y: Best of Show - \$25	Taylor Allen	Fargher Lake #853/Clark #1
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	none	
A: Best of Show - \$50	Gary Brandt	Ten Mile #399/Whatcom #6
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	none	

DIVISION 220 – CONSTRUCTIVE CRAFTS

J1: Best of Show - \$10	none	
J1: 2 nd Best of Show \$5	none	
J2: Best of Show - \$15	none	
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	none	
Y: Best of Show - \$25	Charly Berteaux	Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3

Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	none	
A: Best of Show - \$50	Bret Childers	South Bay #250/Thurston #8
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Sandy Mode	South Bay #250/Thurston #8

DIVISION 230 – DECORATION CRAFTS

J1: Best of Show - \$10	Chevelle Watson	Greenwood Park #590/Excelsior District #37
J1: 2 nd Best of Show \$5	none	
J2: Best of Show - \$15	none	
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	none	
Y: Best of Show - \$25	none	
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	none	
A: Best of Show - \$50	Regina Keller	Oakview #311/Lewis #3
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4

DIVISION 240 – PAPER CRAFTS

J1: Best of Show - \$10	none	
J1: 2 nd Best of Show \$5	none	
J2: Best of Show - \$15	none	
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	none	
Y: Best of Show - \$25	none	
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	none	
A: Best of Show - \$50	Joanna Myers	Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853/Clark #1

DIVISION 250 – GENERAL CRAFTS

J1: Best of Show - \$10	none	
J1: 2 nd Best of Show \$5	none	
J2: Best of Show - \$15	none	
J2: 2 nd Best of Show - \$10	none	
Y: Best of Show - \$25	none	
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	none	
A: Best of Show - \$50	Ted Vander Houwen	Lower Naches #296/Yakima Valley #11
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Betty Garrison	Roy #702/Pierce #16

DIVISION 300 – CREATIVE WRITING

Y: Best of Show - \$25	none	
Y: 2 nd Best of Show - \$15	none	
A: Best of Show - \$50	Shirley Davis	Happy Valley #322/King #13
A: 2 nd Best of Show - \$25	Jarrod Gardner	McMillin #848/Pierce #16

Best of Class Photography Winners (ALL SECTIONS):

1: Agriculture	Natalie Grubb	Beehive #385/Chelan #23
	Charlie Thorson	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
	Bridget Klein	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
	Fred Hamishfegor	Logan Hill #1086/Lewis #3
2: Humorous Event	None	
3: Seasons	Taylor Allen	Fargher Lake #853/Clark #1
	Charlie Thorson	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
	Jan Sondergeld	McMillin #848/Pierce #16

4: Wildlife	Emma Grubb Lloyd Wilber Nicole Rustine Truman Jones Lucy Jones	BeeHive #385/Chelan #23 Elk Plain #792/Pierce #16 South Lake Stevens #690/Snohomish #12 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
5: Sports	Nathan Jones Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
6: Rolling Roadshot	Denny Lippert Truman Jones	Camden #687/Pend Oreille #29 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
7: People	Laura Klein	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56
8: Transportation	Marc Jones Martin Taylor	Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4 Brighton Park #163/Thurston #8
9: Pets	Natalie Grubb Heather Ferguson Lucy Jones	BeeHive #385/Chelan #23 Waitsburg #1/Columbia #56 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
10: Water	Karlyn Kocher	Chumstick #819/Chelan #23
11: General Interest	Karri Marsh Truman Jones Lucy Jones	McMillin #848/Pierce #16 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
12: Manipulated	Jaelyn Johnson Lloyd Wilber Truman Jones	Humptulips #730/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28 Elk Plain # 792/Pierce #16 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4

Best of Class Art & Crafts Winners (ALL SECTIONS):

200: Painting/Drawing	Sophia Klein Erin Metzger Jim Beerbower Cameron Ruesch Libby Lansburg Lillian Wilber Declan Kemano Lucy Jones	Prospect Point #1067/Columbia #56 Long Beach #667/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28 Sharon #800/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28 Camden #687/Pend Oreille #29 Camden #687/Pend Oreille #29 Elk Plain #792/Pierce #16 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4 Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4
210: Wood	Taylor Allen Kalyani Brown Adalyn Wilcox Golden Stratton Gary Brandt	Fargher Lake #853/Clark #1 Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3 Molson #1069/Okanogan #53 Marion #276/Pierce #16 Ten Mile #399/Whatcom #6
220: Constructive	Charly Berteaux Allison Dalton	Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3 Garden City #280/Snohomish #12

Steve Dalton
Bret Childers
Sandy Mode

Horseshoe #965/Snohomish #12
South Bay #250/Thurston #8
South Bay #250/Thurston #8

230: Decoration

Chevelle Watson
Regina Keller
Chris Hamp

Greenwood Park #590/Excelsior District #37
Oakview #311/Lewis #3
Five Mile Prairie #905/Spokane #4

240: Paper

Joanna Myers
Terri Clouse

Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3
Spring Hill #909/Spokane #4

250: General

David Church
Betty Garrison
Ted Vander Houwen

Matlock #357/Mason #20
Roy #702/Pierce #16
Lower Naches #296/Yakima Valley #11

300: Creative Writing

Shirley Davis
Jarrod Gardner

Happy Valley #322/King #13
McMillin #848/Pierce #16

GRANGE FAIR BOOTH CONTEST – Pomona & Subordinate 07/01/2025 – 10/31/2025

DIVISION 1 – PRODUCE

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|---|-------------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Lower Naches #296/Yakima Valley #11 | Central Washington State Fair | Blue | \$100 |
| 2. Elk Plain #782/Pierce #16 | Puyallup State Fair | Blue | \$75 |
| 3. Olympic View #774/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28 | Grays Harbor County Fair | Red | \$50 |

DIVISION 2 – PROJECT

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------|
| 1. Ten Mile #399/Whatcom #6 | NW Washington Fair | Blue | \$100 |
| 2. Camden #667/Pend Oreille #29 | Spokane Interstate Fair | Blue | \$75 |
| 3. Elk Plain #782/Pierce County #16 | Pierce County Fair | Blue | \$50 |
| 4. Tualco #284/Snohomish #12 | Evergreen State Fair | Red | n/a |
| 5. Washington #82/Clark #1 | Clark County Fair | Red | n/a |
| 6. Crescent #1123/Clallam #31 | Clallam County Fair | Red | n/a |
| 7. Camden #667/Pend Oreille #29 | Pend Oreille County Fair | Red | n/a |

LECTURER REPORTS RECOGNITION – Pomona & Subordinate 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025

POMONA GRANGE LECTURER REPORTS

4 of 38 reported as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Debbie Fisch & Dianne Cook | Chelan #23 |
| 2. Georgia Goff | Clark #1 |
| 3. *Becky Escobar | Lewis #3 |
| 4. Lois Cummins & Viola Christoph | Pend Oreille #29 |

SUBORDINATE GRANGE LECTURER REPORTS

22 of 209 reported as follows:

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| 1. Debbie Fisch | Beehive #385/Chelan #23 |
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2. Steve Singhose
3. Patti Tuller
4. Rick McCorkle
5. Jon Chryslar
6. Phyllis Dawson
7. Lucy Vest
8. Ruth Neilson
9. JoAnn Anderson
10. Paulette Myers James
11. Becky Escobar
12. Jeanie Raymond
13. Peggy Byus
14. Candita Carpenter
15. Jan Sondergeld
16. Anita Mastin
17. Lorell Fisher
18. Carol Spaulding
19. Al Meyer
20. Melanie Hackett
21. Margaret VanDyke
22. *Glenda Tjarnberg

- Crescent #1123/Clallam #31
 Washington #82/Clark #1
 Pleasant Hill #101/Cowlitz #7
 Malo #679/Ferry #36
 Columbia Valley #938/Snake River #51
 Olympic View #774/Grays Harbor-Pacific #28
 Happy Valley #322/King #13
 Issaquah Valley #581/King #13
 Mossyrock #355/Lewis #3
 Oakview #311/Lewis #3
 Molson #1069/Okanogan #53
 Elk Plain #782/Pierce #16
 Fruitland #999/Pierce #16
 McMillin #848/Pierce #16
 Riverside Valley #1047/Pierce #16
 Stranger Creek #374/Stevens #17
 McLane #383/Thurston #8
 Burbank #630/Snake River #51
 Haynie #169/Whatcom #6
 Selah Heights #608/Yakima Valley #11
 Terrace Heights #586/Yakima Valley #11

*Awarded WSG Outstanding Pomona & Subordinate Lecturer with Certificates June 26, 2026

LECTURER DEPARTMENT LIVE & SILENT AUCTION TOTALS FOR WSG CONVENTION 2026

The Lecturer Department auctioned off seven (7) items in the live auction on June 25th, 2026, collecting \$6,200 and eighteen (18) items in a silent auction during the convention auctioning off eighteen (18) items which concluded on June 27th, 2026, collecting \$746.50. Total funds the Lecturer Department collected, reported, and turned over to WSG at the conclusion of the WSG Convention 2026 was \$6,946.50, which will go to directly benefit the WSG Lecturer Department to help with programming for the upcoming year. A HUGE thank you to each person that contributed auction items and to each person that purchased those same items in the auctions. Your generosity is amazing! Thank you to each person that volunteered their time to help with tasks in the Lecturer Department during the convention, it was greatly appreciated.

FAMILY LIVING DEPARTMENT AWARDS

2026 Results of State Grange Contest for Family Living

WHEAT GROWERS AWARD

Adult – Jessica King, Roy #702, Pierce County #76

Juniors 2 Ages 9-14 – Lena Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

GROUP 1 BAKING CONTESTS – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Jean Hauck, Ten Mile #399, Whatcom County #6

Second Best of Show – Gary Brandt, Ten Mile #399, Whatcom County #6

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Quick Breads – Loaf	Lynn Handy	Fredonia #545	Skagit #10
Quick Breads – Muffins	Marilyn Armit	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
Yeast Breads – Loaf	Jessica King	Roy #702	Pierce #76
Yeast Breads – Rolls	Marg Ohlsen	Tualco #284	Snohomish #12

Yeast Breads – Any other	Crista Tuchscherer	Horseshoe #965	Snohomish #12
Sourdough Bread	Andee Lorensen	BeeHive #385	Chelan #23
Specialty – GF Quick Bread	Dennis Hall	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit County #10
Cookies - Baked	Deb Kadow	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cookies - Baked	Lew Gaskill	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
Cookies – Bars	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Cake – Frosted Layer	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Cake – Bundt Cake	Jean Hauck	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6
Cake – Frosted Cupcakes	Vickie Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cake – Any Other	Gerald Mertl	North River #946	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Desserts	Betty Garrison	Roy #702	Pierce #76
Desserts	Gary Brandt	Ten Mile #399	Whatcom #6

BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Teagan Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Frosted Cupcakes	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

BAKING CONTEST – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Lena Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

Best of Show – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Quick Bread - Loaf	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Cookies – Baked	Hadley Hoose	Ohop #812	Pierce #16
Cookies – Baked	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dessert – Any Other	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 2 CANDY – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Dennis Rensink, Rome #226, Whatcom County #6

First Place Winners:

Description	Name	Grange	Pomona
Candy – Cooked	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Tom Gwin, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits – whole or pieces	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Fruits – Sauce	Vickie Loomer	S Lake Stevens #690	Snohomish #12
Fruits – Juice	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Fruits – Pie Filling	Tracey Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Fruits – Any Other	Jeff Prouse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Veg – Beans	Tianna Wynn	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Veg – Tomato Products	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Veg – Salsa	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #76

Veg – Vegies	Joy Longhurst	Fruitland #999	Pierce #76
Veg – Chutney	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #76
Veg – Condiments	Jeff Prouse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Pickled – Cucumber	Davona Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickled – Fruit/Vegie	Tianna Wynn	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickled – Mixed	Tianna Wynn	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickled – Relish	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickled – Any Other	Karen Derrey	Buena #836	Yakima Valley #11
Jam – Fruit	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Jam – Berry	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
Jam – Mixed	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
Jelly – Fruit	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly – Berry	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly - Mixed	Joy Longhurst	Fruitland #999	Pierce #76
Spread – Fruit Butter	Chris Hamp	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4
Juice/Beverage	Joy Longhurst	Fruitland #999	Pierce #76
Syrup/Topping	Janette Cejka	Washington #82	Clark #1
Vinegar	Debra Basquez	Fruitland #999	Pierce #16
Vanilla	Andrya Dodson	Chumstick #819	Chelan #23
Broth	Tianna Wynn	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Canned Meat	Tianna Wynn	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Canned Tuna	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Canned Soup	Jeff Prowse	Cedar Valley #306	Snohomish #12
Canned Veg Stock	Syn Omega	Matlock #357	Mason #20
Dried Herbs	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried Fruit	Mike Winter	Mossyrock #355	Lewis #3
Dried Jerky	Debbie Riegel-Yates	Rexville #815	Skagit #10
Dried Any Other	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Soup Mix in Jar	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Cookie Mix in Jar	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
Dry Desserts Mix in Jar	Mary Lee Rozelle	Camden #687	Pend Oreille #29
Dry Biscuit Mix in Jar	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Other Mix in Jar	Tom Gwin	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – YOUTH AGES 14 to 19

Best of Show – Jacob Smith, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Jaelyn Johnson, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits – Sauce	Jaelyn Johnson	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Fruits – Pie Filling	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Veg - Beans	Jaelyn Johnson	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Veg – Salsa	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Veg – Vegies	Melisa McConnell	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickled – Cucumber	Jaelyn Johnson	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Pickled – Fruit/Vegie	Melisa McConnell	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jam – Berry	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly – Fruit	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried Herbs	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried Vegetables	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried Fruit	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Soup Mix in Jar	Jacob Smith	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Dry Cookie Mix in Jar	Tristan McCellan	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
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GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Hunter Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

Second Best of Show – Hunter Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruits – Sauce	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Fruits – Pie Filling	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Veg – Salsa	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jam – Berry	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly – Fruit	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly – Berry	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried – Herbs	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried – Vegetables	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried – Fruits	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Soup Mix in Jar	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Dry Cookie Mix in Jar	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Dry Desserts Mix in Jar	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Dry Other Mix in Jar	Teagan Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

GROUP 3 FOOD PRESERVATION – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Lena Gilmour, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

Second Best of Show – Morgan Arthur, Humptulips #730, Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Fruit – Sauce	Rhett Thomas	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Fruit – Pie Filling	Karlie Schumacher	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Salsa	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jam – Berry	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly – Fruit	Lilianna Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Jelly – Berry	Rhett Thomas	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Canned Seafood	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Dried – Vegetables	Morgan Arthur	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dried – Fruits	Lilianna Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Soup Mix in Jar	Lilianna Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Dry Cookie Mix in Jar	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Dry Other Mix in Jar	Lena Gilmour	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

GROUP 4 NEEDLEWORK – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Terrie Shepler, Clayton #456, Excelsior #37

Second Best of Show – Becky Escobar, Oakview #311, Lewis County #3

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Cotton – Large Item	Mark George	Sharon #800	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28
Cotton – Small Item	Sheryl Hemp	Kellogg Marsh #136	Snohomish #12
Yarn – Cap, hat, or scarf	Karen Castello	Skagit Valley #620	Skagit #10
Yarn – Sweater	Francine Mihalasky	Greenbluff #300	Spokane #4
Yarn – Sweater	Dawn Yearout	Moses Lake #1151	Grant
Yarn – Any Other	Zena Summer	Ohop #812	Pierce #76
Counted Cross Stitch	Terrie Shepler	Clayton #456	Excelsior #27

Latch Hook	Ann Fackenthall	Gardenspot #278	Excelsior #27
Needlework – Any Other	Sherry Crespo	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #76
Needlework – Any Other	Becky Escobar	Oakview #311	Lewis #3

GROUP 4 NEEDLEWORK – YOUTH AGES 14 to 19

Best of Show – Lucy Jones, Five Mile Prairie #905, Spokane County #4

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Yarn – Cap, hat, or scarf	Lucy Jones	Five Mile Prairie #905	Spokane #4

GROUP 4 NEEDLEWORK – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5-8

Best of Show – Golden Stratten, Marion #276, Pierce County #76

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Plastic Canvas	Golden Stratten	Marian #276	Pierce #76

GROUP 4 NEEDLEWORK – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9-13

Best of Show – Elizabeth Entrop, Marion #276, Pierce County #76

Second Best of Show – Sharon Krick, Happy Valley #322, King County #13

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Yarn – Cap, hat, or scarf	Cash Montgomery	Marion #276	Pierce #76
Yarn – Any Other	Elizabeth Entrop	Marion #276	Pierce #76

GROUP 5 SEWING – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Steve Wilcox, Lower Naches #296, Yakima Valley County #11

Second Best of Show – Dianne Johnson, McLane #393, Thurston County #8

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Sewing – Household/Accessories	Dee Eckhardt	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Wearable Art – Embroidered	Dianne Johnson	McLane #393	Thurston #8
Wearable Art – Any Other	Steve Wilcox	Lower Naches #296	Yakima Valley #11

GROUP 5 SEWING – YOUTH AGES 14 to 19

Best of Show – Taylor Allen, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

Second Best of Show – Keegan Allen, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Sewing – Stuffed Animal	Taylor Allen	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Wearable Art – Any Other	Keegan Allen	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1

GROUP 5 SEWING – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5 to 8

Best of Show – Hunter Brownrigg, Humptulips #730, Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Wearable Art – Dyed or Printed	Hunter Brownrigg	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 5 SEWING – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9 to 13

Best of Show – Heidi Werner, Fargher Lake #853, Clark County #1

Second Best of Show – Eagan Yarmey-Stanley, Humptulips #730, Gray's Harbor/Pacific #28

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Sewing – Purse/Handbag	Heidi Werner	Fargher Lake #853	Clark #1
Wearable Art – Dyed/Printed	Eagan Yarmey-Stanley	Humptulips #730	Grays Harbor/Pacific #28

GROUP 6 QUILTING – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Dee Eckhardt, Brighton Park #163, Thurston County #8

Second Best of Show – Lucinda Summers, Ohop #812, Pierce County #76

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Traditional Quilt, Baby Quilt	Lucinda Summers	Ohop #812	Pierce #76
Traditional Quilt, Machine	Dee Eckhardt	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Traditional Quilt, Made by group	Cowlitz Co Pomona Sewers	Cowlitz #7	Cowlitz #7
Traditional Quilt, Wall Hanging	Karen Richards	Clayton #456	Excelsior #37
Traditional Quilt, Any Other	Chelsea Morris	East Wenatchee	Douglas #49
Non-Traditional Quilt, Baby Quilt	Lois Rollag	Elk Plain #782	Pierce #76
Non-Traditional Quilt, Machine	Joanie Raymond	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53
Non-Traditional Quilt, Group	Carol Spaulding	McLane #393	Thurston #8
Non-Traditional Quilt, Wall Hanging	Barbara Ridgeway	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Non-traditional Quilt, Other	Vicky Didenhover	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53

GROUP 6 QUILTING – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5 to 8

Best of Show – Katherine Hopkins, Molson #1069, Okanogan County #53

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Traditional Quilt, Machine	Katherine Hopkins	Molson #1069	Okanogan #53

GROUP 6 QUILTING – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9 to 13**First Place Winners:**

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Traditional Quilt, Machine	Parker Spickelmier	Brighton Park #163	Thurston #8
Traditional Quilt, Home Decor	Charlie Thorson	Prospect Point #1067	Columbia #56
Non-Traditional Quilt, Wall Hanging	Haven Stratton	Marion #276	Pierce #76

GROUP 7 STATE QUILT – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Elizabeth Richmond, Elk Plain #782, Pierce County #76

Second Best of Show – Mary Hunt, St. Andrew's #832, Douglas County #49

GROUP 7 STATE QUILT – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9 to 13

Best of Show – Hadley Hoose, Ohop #812, Pierce #76

GROUP 8 HOMESTEADING – ADULTS AGES 20 AND OVER

Best of Show – Francine Mihalasky, Green Bluff #300, Spokane County #4

Second Best of Show – Laura Ast, Camden #687, Pend Orielle County #29

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Wool/Fiber items	Laura Ast	Camden #687	Pend Orielle #29
Weaving	Francine Mihalasky	Green Bluff #300	Spokane #4
Homemade Candles	Michelle Kocher	Chumstick #819	Chelan #23

Honey	Andrya Dodson	Chumstick #819	Chelan #23
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GROUP 8 HOMESTEADING – JUNIOR 1 AGES 5 to 8

Best of Show – Natalie Grubb, BeeHive #385, Chelan County #23

Second Best of Show – Emma Grubb, BeeHive #385, Chelan County #23

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Homemade Soap	Natalie Grubb	Chumstick #819	Chelan #23

GROUP 8 HOMESTEADING – JUNIOR 2 AGES 9 to 13

Best of Show – Norah Bouquet, Manson Grange #796, Chelan County #23

Second Best of Show – Freyja Anderson, Issaquah Valley #581, King County #13

First Place Winners:

Description	Winner	Grange	Pomona
Weaving	Freyja Anderson	Issaquah Valley #581	King #13
Honey	Norah Bouquet	Manson Grange #796	Chelan #23

OFFICIALS AND LEADERSHIP OF THE 2026 STATE SESSION

STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair – Debbie Riegel-Yates

Vice Chair – Scott Hackett

Secretary – Clarene Ricarte

Treasurer – Mary Celia

CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Banquets – Debbie Riegel-Yates

Community Service – Leslie Wells

Degrees/Installation – Jarrod Gardner

Family Living –

Flowers – Cindy Kudsk

Furniture/Stage – Steve Yates, Scott Hackett

Hospitality – Sue Palmer

Housing –

Juniors – Alexis Kudsk, Isabella Lierman

Lecturer –

Memorial –

Novelties – Andy Snow

Publicity –

Registration – Russ & Bekki Weston

Rose Drill – Janelle Lierman

RV's – Aaron Brand, Mary Celia

Transportation – Steve Yates

Youth – Alexis Kudsk, Isabella Lierman

CONVENTION PROGRESS COMMITTEE

Chair – Sophia Keller

Nancy Drake

Cheryl Saiz

Mary Bryant

Washington State Grange Memorial Service

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Prelude	Jim Odgen – State Musician
Entrance of Officers and Deputies	
A Call to Remembrance	Carolyn Hojem – State Chaplain
Message	Rev. Brook R. McBride
Eulogies	State Officers
Song	Rev. Brook R. McBride
Memorial Roll	Isabella Lierman – State Secretary
Placing Flowers	Pam Mathews, Jennifer Oliver, Jordanne Beck
Song	Rev. Brook R. McBride
Postlude	Jim Odgen
Retirement of Officers and Deputies	

Eulogies of Past State Officers, Deputies, & Spouses

Willard Crow

Past State Overseer, Executive Committeeman and Deputy

Joan Frymire

Past State Ceres and Deputy

Melvin Knott

Spouse of Past Deputy

Bonnie Lyle

Past State Youth Director ad Spouse of Deputy

Tom McKern

Past State Overseer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Gatekeeper, & Executive Committeeman

Lelah Singhose

Spouse of Past Deputy

Ruthann Wilson

Spouse of Past Deputy

EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

JUNE 27, 2026 - 1:45 P.M.

PIERCE COUNTY POMONA GRANGE #16

Master	David Bryant	Ceres	Kelle Pollard
Overseer	Betty Garrison	Pomona	Helen Gardner
Lecturer	Mary Bryant	Flora	Leanne Oxborough
Steward	Marvin James	Executive Committee	Leon Garrison
Assistant Steward	Jarrold Gardner	Executive Committee	Kirby Pollard
Lady Assistant Steward	Cheryl Saiz	Executive Committee	Jeff Oxborough
Chaplain	Andrea Wilbur	CFL	Kathy Warren
Treasurer	Jennifer Oliver	Spector	Steve Hall
Secretary	Anita Mastin	Musician	Jim Odgen
Gatekeeper	Marvin Oliver		

CONFERRAL OF THE SIXTH DEGREE

Presented by the State Grange Officers under the Direction of Sixth Degree Directors, Rex & Phyllis Ogden

Master/President	Tom Gwin	Gatekeeper	Jarrold Gardner
Degree Master/President	David Bryant	Ceres	Pam Mathews
Overseer/Vice President	Rusty Hunt	Pomona	Jordanne Beck
Lecturer	Claudine Mincks	Flora	Jennifer Oliver
Steward	Tom Cullen	Executive Committee	Rick Ferguson
Assistant Steward	Jonny Pittman	Executive Committee	Brittney Pittman
Lady Assistant Steward	Alexis Kudsk	Executive Committee	David Bryant
Chaplain	Carolyn Hojem	Director of Family Living	Debbie Fisch
Treasurer	Denise McCartan	Musician	Dr. Jim Ogden
Secretary	Isabella Lierman		

Soloist

Shawn Moynihan

Feast Drill

Mary Bryant
Terry Ferguson
Mark Fisch
Kent Hojem
Jacquie Hunt
Marvin Oliver

Rose Drill Team

Janelle Lierman – Rose Drill Captain
Lassi LaRue
Nicole Hart
Kelsy Balderas-Lierman
Naomi Lierman
Brady Lierman
Douglas Zambrana
Cindy Kudsk
Melissa Kudsk

SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

Alexander, Kerry	South Lake Stevens #690	Lopez, Yvonne	Roy #702
Bustamante, Terry	Cedar Valley #306	Paulson, Carrie	Stillaguamish #1058
Camp, Steve	Moses Lake #1151	Potter, Edward	Chumstick #819
Clark, Thomas	Crescent #1123	Richard, Matthew	Meridian #265
Colwell, Aari	Whelan Ewartsville #114	Senn, Heather	Prosperity #315
Dodson, Andrya	Chumstick #819	Smith, Michael	Waller Road #1111
Handy, Lynn	Fredonia #545	Tjarnberg, Glenda	Terrace Heights #586
Hemp, Shereyl	Kellogg Marsh #136	Wynn, Sheila	Waller Road #1111
Kocher, Michelle	Chumstick #819	Zambrana, Douglas	Collins #893

INSTALLATION TEAM FOR STATE OFFICERS

Pierce County Pomona Grange #16

Master	Jarrold Gardner	Marshall	Jennifer Oliver
Installing Officer	David Bryant	Regalia Bearer	Betty Garrison
Chaplain	Andrea Wilbur	Emblem Bearer	Helen Gardner

PAST STATE GRANGE SESSIONS

YEAR	SIXTH DEGREE CLASS	LOCATION/COUNTY
1889	None	LaCamas/Clark
1890	None	LaCamas/Clark
1891	107	Goldendale/Klickitat
1892	122	Vancouver/Clark
1893	29	White Salmon/Klickitat
1894	39	Fourth Plain/Clark
1895	13	Washougal/Clark
1896	11	Vancouver/Clark
1897	None	Lyle/Klickitat
1898	12	LaCenter/Clark
1899	19	Mount Pleasant/Skamania
1900	None	Tucker/Cowlitz
1901	11	Amboy/Clark
1902	43	Orchards/Clark
1903	86	Pullman/Whitman
1904	89	Centerville/Klickitat
1905	44	Toledo/Lewis
1906	56	Spokane/Spokane
1907	62	Lynden/Whatcom
1908	71	Vancouver/Clark
1909	89	Ellensburg/Kittitas
1910	85	Pullman/Whitman
1911	194	Snohomish/Snohomish
1912	132	Puyallup/Pierce
1913	192	Colville/Stevens
1914	72	National Grange/Spokane
1915	183	Centralia/Lewis
1916	146	Burlington/Skagit
1917	170	Wenatchee/Chelan
1918	None	Walla Walla/Walla Walla
1919	294	Port Angeles/Clallam
1920	252	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1921	246	Colville/Stevens
1922	189	Yakima/Yakima
1923	155	Bremerton/Kitsap
1924	266	Vancouver/Clark
1925	160	Pullman/Whitman
1926	269	Kennewick/Benton
1927	304	Auburn/King
1928	356	Chehalis/Lewis
1929	455	Spokane/Spokane
1930	1028	Special Sessions
1931	146	Wenatchee/Chelan
1932	250	Bellingham/Whatcom
1933	206	Tacoma/Pierce
1934	332	Pullman/Whitman
1935	339	Everett/Snohomish
1936	398	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1937	689	Walla Walla/Walla Walla

1938	1082	Spokane/Spokane
1938	1921	Special Sessions
1939	320	Vancouver/Clark
1940	428	Olympia/Thurston
1941	641	Ellensburg/Kittitas
1942	706	Wenatchee/Chelan
1942	893	National Grange/Wenatchee
1943	814	Yakima/Yakima
1944	955	Centralia/Lewis
1946	1832	Bellingham/Whatcom
1946	2665	Special Sessions
1947	389	Port Angeles/Clallam
1948	1391	Spokane/Spokane
1949	687	Pullman/Whitman
1950	1155	Evertt/Snohomish
1951	926	Longview/Cowlitz
1952	921	Yakima/Yakima
1953	758	Wenatchee/Chelan
1954	1296	Special Sessions
1955	432	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1956	279	Walla Walla/Walla Walla
1957	331	Spokane/Spokane
1958	705	Seattle/King
1959	932	Vancouver/Clark
1960	420	Pullman/Whitman
1961	575	Yakima/Yakima
1962	496	Bellingham/Whatcom
1963	1013	Special Sessions
1964	297	Wenatchee/Chelan
1965	277	Pasco/Franklin
1966	463	Everett/Snohomish
1967	540	Centralia-Chehalis/Lewis
1968	444	Spokane/Spokane
1969	218	Pullman/Whitman
1970	543	Vancouver/Clark
1971	288	Longview/Cowlitz
1972	365	Yakima/Yakima
1973	397	Wenatchee/Chelan
1974	417	Aberdeen/Grays Harbor
1975	448	Parkland/Pierce
1976	291	Pasco/Franklin
1977	426	Spokane/Spokane
1978	466	Bellingham/Whatcom
1979	408	Port Angeles/Clallam
1980	337	Pullman/Whitman
1981	389	Ellensburg/Kittitas
1981	693	Special Sessions
1981	444	National Grange/Spokane
1982	127	Vancouver/Clark
1983	235	Everett/Snohomish
1984	214	Wenatchee/Chelan

1985	194	Pasco/Franklin
1986	210	Chehalis/Lewis
1987	222	Port Angeles/Clallam
1988	175	Spokane/Spokane
1989	134	Brush Prairie/Clark
1990	178	Sedro Woolley/Skagit
1991	113	Pullman/Whitman
1992	162	Sunnyside/Yakima
1993	203	Tacoma/Pierce
1994	190	Hoquiam/Grays Harbor
1995	126	Wenatchee/Chelan
1996	97	Kennewick/Benton
1996	130	Special Sessions and National Grange/Spokane
1997	45	Poulsbo/Kitsap
1998	75	Olympia/Thurston
1999	72	Spokane Valley/Spokane
2000	59	Sunnyside/Yakima
2001	56	Kelso-Longview/Cowlitz
2002	76	Everett/Snohomish
2003	52	Okanogan/Okanogan
2004	40	Pullman/Whitman
2005	72	Bellingham/Whatcom
2006	75	Puyallup/Pierce
2007	33	Moses Lake/Grant/Central District
2008	96	Colville/Stevens/Eastern District
2009	106	Kelso-Longview/Cowlitz/Southwest District
2010	82	Bellingham/Whatcom/Northern District
2011	40	Moses Lake/Grant/Central District
2012	93	Spokane/Spokane/Eastern District
2013	61	Ocean Shores/Grays Harbor/Southwest District
2014	52	Vancouver/Clark/Southwest District
2015	30	Ellensburg/Kittitas/Central District
2016	16	Spokane/Spokane/Eastern District
2017	45	Ocean Shores/Grays Harbor/Southwest District
2018	36	Mount Vernon/Skagit/Northern District
2019	18	Okanogan/Okanogan/Central District
2020	None – Covid Pandemic	Long Beach/Pacific, Addy/Stevens, Langley/Island, Cle Elum/Kittitas
2021	None – Covid Pandemic	Port Townsend/Jefferson & Bee Hive/Chelan
2022	38	Puyallup/Pierce/Northern District
2023	23	Grant/Moses Lake/Central District
2024	47	Stevens/Colville/Eastern District
2025	45	Lewis/Centralia-Chehalis/Southwest District
2026	18	Skagit/Mount Vernon/Northern District

FUTURE LOCATIONS FOR STATE GRANGE CONVENTION

2027 – Yakima/Central District

2028 – Eastern District

2029 – Southwest District

WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE MASTERS

*David L. Russell	1889-1895	Washougal Grange #69	Clark County
*Augustus High	1895-1901	Fruit Valley Grange #80	Clark County
*Jesse O. Wing	1901-1905	Mount Pleasant Grange #73	Skamania County
*Carey B. Kegley	1905-1917	Palouse Grange #177	Whitman County
*William Bouck	1917-1921	Skiyou Grange #235	Skagit County
*Fred Nelson	1921-1922	White River Grange #238	King County
*Albert S. Goss	1922-1933	Finley Grange #414	Benton County
*Ervin E. King	1933-1941	Whelan Grange #117	Whitman County
*Henry P. Carstensen	1941-1953	Grand Coulee Grange #807	Lincoln County
*A. Lars Nelson	1953-1971	Wheatland Grange #952	Whitman County
*Jack Silvers	1971-1983	Buena Grange #836	Yakima County
*Ray Hill	1983-1989	Goldendale Grange #49	Klickitat County
Robert J. Clark	1989-1995	Sequim Prairie Grange #1108	Clallam County
Bob Joy	1995-1999	Brewster Grange #1018	Okanogan County
Terry Hunt	1999-2007	St. Andrews Grange #832	Douglas County
Rob Horgen	2007-2008	Laurel Grange #208	Whatcom County
*June F. Hendrickson	2008-2011	Steele Lake/Highline Grange #805	King County
Duane Hamp	2011-2015	Five Mile Prairie Grange #905	Spokane County
Tom Gwin	2015-	Humptulips Grange #730	Grays Harbor County

*Deceased



Review Report of Independent Accountants
and Financial Statements
with Supplementary Information

Washington State Grange Foundation

December 31, 2023

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Review Report of Independent Accountants

The Board of Trustees
Washington State Grange Foundation

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Washington State Grange Foundation, which comprise the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis and cash flows – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Washington State Grange Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw your attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes that the accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of changes in net assets by fund – modified cash basis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Seattle, Washington
October 1, 2025

Financial Statements

Washington State Grange Foundation
Statement of Assets and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 73,142
INVESTMENTS	<u>2,204,558</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,277,700</u></u>

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	<u>\$ 16,308</u>
With donor restrictions	
Purpose restrictions	604,671
Perpetual in nature	<u>1,656,721</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>2,261,392</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,277,700</u></u>

See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

Washington State Grange Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expenses – Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2023
REVENUE			
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 9,532	\$ 9,532
Grants	19,069	-	19,069
Investment gain, net	21,177	206,383	227,560
Net assets released from restriction	44,045	(44,045)	-
	<u>84,291</u>	<u>171,870</u>	<u>256,161</u>
Total revenue			
EXPENSES			
Scholarships and awards	27,750	-	27,750
Grants	15,533	-	15,533
Other	26,115	-	26,115
	<u>69,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,398</u>
Total expenses			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	14,893	171,870	186,763
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	1,415	2,089,522	2,090,937
	<u>1,415</u>	<u>2,089,522</u>	<u>2,090,937</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 16,308	\$ 2,261,392	\$ 2,277,700
	<u>\$ 16,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,277,700</u>

See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

Washington State Grange Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows – Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended December 31, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	\$ 186,763
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities	
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	<u>(181,235)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>5,528</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of investments	(975,929)
Proceeds from sale of investments	<u>1,010,873</u>
Net cash from investing activities	<u>34,944</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	40,472
CASH, beginning of year	<u>32,670</u>
CASH, end of year	<u><u>\$ 73,142</u></u>

See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

Washington State Grange Foundation

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Nature of the Organization

The Washington State Grange Foundation (the Foundation) was incorporated in 1963 in Washington State as an educational organization. The Foundation provides scholarships for agricultural and home economics education as well as funds for agricultural and aquacultural research and for safety education. The Foundation's support comes primarily from interest earned and contributions. The Foundation awarded \$750 to \$1,500 scholarships during 2023 as well as disbursed funds to Washington State Grange and Golden Sheaf in accordance with donor intentions.

Subsequent events – The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events through October 1, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no material subsequent events that require recognition or additional disclosure.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting – The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting modified to record assets or liabilities with respect to cash transactions and events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. The modifications result in the recording of investments at fair value in the financial statements. This method of accounting represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). This basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain revenue and related assets have been recognized when cash is received rather than when earned and certain expenses and related liabilities have been recognized when paid rather than when the obligations occurred.

Presentation – The financial statements of the Foundation report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has not designated any net assets without donor restrictions as of December 31, 2023.

Net assets with donor restriction – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Washington State Grange Foundation

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Functional allocation of expenses – All costs are assigned directly to each function based on the nature of the cost. Expenses are recorded upon cash payment. See Note 7.

Cash and cash equivalents – The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments without donor restrictions with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2023, cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and money market accounts. At times, cash balances may be in excess of federally insured limits. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in these accounts, and management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

Investments – The Foundation carries investments with readily determinable fair values at their fair values in the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis. Investment return is included in the accompanying statement of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, the investments should be recorded at cost and not fair value. Management has concluded reporting the investments at fair value for the year ended December 31, 2023, is appropriate as it is a significant asset to the Foundation and the knowledge of the income stream is critical for both management and board governance purposes.

Revenue recognition – The Foundation records contributions and grants revenue upon cash receipt.

Related-party transactions – The Foundation's related-party transactions include reimbursements for its Golden Sheaf dues that are paid to the National Grange in the form of quarterly payments by the Washington State Grange. The membership dues are based on membership numbers reported by the Washington State Grange to the National Grange. The Washington State Grange also provides employee and other administrative support to the Foundation for which an agreed-upon fee is charged to the Foundation. These related-party expenses are recorded as administrative fees within the statement of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis.

Income tax status – Effective May 15, 2025, the Foundation's tax exempt status was auto-revoked by the Internal Revenue Service due to overdue tax return filings. The Foundation is in the process for re-applying for retroactive reinstatement but was in good standing with the IRS for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Foundation would generally be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) except to the extent of unrelated business taxable income as defined under IRC sections 511 through 515. The Foundation recognizes the tax benefit from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not the tax positions will be sustained on examination by the tax authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit is measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Foundation recognizes interest and penalties related to income tax matters in operating expenses.

The Foundation had no unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2023. No interest or penalties were accrued for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Foundation files an exempt organization return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.

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Risks and uncertainties – The Foundation invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis.

Use of estimates – Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, the disclosure of contingent assets, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or the equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy leveling.

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The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023.

Cash and cash equivalents – Valued at \$1 share price based on investments that are fully collateralized by cash and/or government securities including money market funds, often insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) (Level 1).

Equities – Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded, including corporate stocks and exchange-traded funds (Level 1).

Fixed income and preferred securities – Valued at \$1 share price based on investments that are fully collateralized by cash and/or government securities, including certificates of deposit and exchange-traded funds. These assets are held for fixed terms with early withdrawal restrictions and are often insured by the FDIC (Level 1).

At December 31, 2023, investments and endowment funds consisted of the following:

	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,308	\$ 56,834	\$ 73,142
Equity	-	1,053,416	1,053,416
Fixed income and preferred	-	1,151,142	1,151,142
	<u>\$ 16,308</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,277,700</u>

Net investment loss consisted of the following during the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dividends and interest	\$ 9	\$ 46,316	\$ 46,325
Realized and unrealized gains (losses)	-	181,217	181,217
	<u>\$ 9</u>	<u>\$ 227,533</u>	<u>\$ 227,542</u>

Note 4 – Net Assets with and Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restriction include all assets, revenue, and expenses, which are not restricted by donors and are available for current operations.

The Foundation maintains no net assets with time restricted donations.

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Net assets with donor restriction – purpose restricted and restricted in perpetuity at December 31, 2023, consist of the following:

Grange Building Reserve	\$ (1,798)
Historical Fund	2,532
Auburn	9,965
Horseshoe – WAC	5,676
Horseshoe – Junior Dept	8,336
King Memorial Fund	13,513
Horseshoe – Northern District Camping Fund	73,783
Youth Education	1,077
Research and Scholarship	29,259
Golden Sheaf	128,551
Academic Scholarships	333,777
	604,671
Restricted in perpetuity	1,656,721
Total	\$ 2,261,392

Note 5 – Endowment

The Foundation's endowment consists of several donor-restricted endowment funds. Net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The Foundation follows the Washington State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (PMIFA) and its own bylaws. The board of trustees of the Foundation has interpreted PMIFA as requiring the preservation of the historical dollar amount of a donor-restricted endowment fund absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature (a) the original value of gifts donated to the perpetual endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the perpetual endowment, and (c) accumulations to the perpetual endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature is classified as net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are temporary in nature until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by PMIFA. In accordance with PMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation

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Notes to Financial Statements

5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. The investment policies of the Foundation

Investment return objectives, risk parameters, and strategies – The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets, approved by the Board of Trustees, that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain and preserve the principal value of these endowment assets over the long term. The Foundation's spending and investment policies work together to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters. The Foundation invests in a diversified allocation of money market funds, exchange-traded funds, and certificates of deposit with sound financial institutions.

Spending policy – The spending policy provides a guideline for the amount of money available to be distributed from the Foundation's various endowed and invested funds. The amount appropriated for distribution is determined by the Foundation's directors based on the amount of available funds. Expenses that are necessary for the operation of the Foundation are subject to review and approval by the Foundation's directors. Scholarships are determined by the available amount from annual interest, which is influenced directly by market condition.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund at December 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be Maintained in perpetuity by donor			
Research and scholarship	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Golden sheaf	-	450,000	450,000
Youth education	-	100,000	100,000
Academic scholarships	-	916,721	916,721
Accumulated investment gains			
Research and scholarship	-	73,783	73,783
Golden sheaf	-	128,551	128,551
Youth education	-	29,259	29,259
Other		333,777	333,777
Academic scholarships	-	39,301	39,301
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>
Total funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>

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Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, January 1, 2023	\$ -	\$ 2,090,938	\$ 2,090,938
Investment gains	-	227,533	227,533
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	(57,079)	(57,079)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>	<u>\$ 2,261,392</u>

Note 6 – Liquidity

The Foundation's financial assets have seasonal variations during the year attributable to the timing of receipt of payments for membership dues. The Foundation has managed cash flows through investment accounts with Foundation directors approving draws from the investment accounts when needed, up to the approved amount, in accordance with the Foundation's Investment and Spending Policy. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the Foundation would also draw upon these investment accounts, valued at \$2,204,558 as of December 31, 2023. Financial assets available for general expenditures within one year of the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis consist of total financial assets without donor restrictions of \$16,308.

Note 7 – Functional Allocation of Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expense that are attributable to program and supporting function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services according to an appropriate and consistent basis derived by management as follows:

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Scholarships	\$ 27,750	\$ -	\$ 27,750
Bank fees	7,768	7,767	15,535
Grants	15,533	-	15,533
Professional fees	-	6,300	6,300
Office expenses	4,200	80	4,280
Total expenses	<u>\$ 55,251</u>	<u>\$ 14,147</u>	<u>\$ 69,398</u>

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Supplemental Information

Washington State Grange Foundation
Schedule of Changes in Net Assets by Fund – Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2023

	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	Revenue Collected	Amounts Released or Expended	Change in Market Value	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected over Expenses Paid	Net Assets, End of Year
NET ASSETS WITHOUT						
DONOR RESTRICTIONS						
Foundation	\$ 290	\$ 3,553	\$ (1,062)	\$ 20	\$ 2,511	\$ 2,801
Working Capital	1,125	36,594	(24,199)	(13)	12,382	13,507
	1,415	40,147	(25,261)	7	14,893	16,308
NET ASSETS WITH						
DONOR RESTRICTIONS –						
PURPOSE RESTRICTIONS						
Historical Fund	2,271	60	(4,207)	78	(4,069)	(1,798)
Auburn	2,304	104	(7)	131	228	2,532
King Memorial Fund	9,041	439	(27)	512	924	9,965
Horseshoe – WAC	5,410	138	(7)	135	266	5,676
Horseshoe – Junior Dept	7,587	342	(23)	430	749	8,336
Horseshoe – Northern District						
Camping Fund	15,045	638	(3,045)	875	(1,532)	13,513
Youth Education	19,473	5,369	(2,360)	6,777	9,786	29,259
Golden Sheaf	76,548	23,789	(1,586)	29,800	52,003	128,551
Grange Building Reserve	495	266	(18)	334	582	1,077
Research and Scholarship Funds						
Fidelity Grange Interest Fund	4,335	853	(1,308)	1,105	650	4,985
Delpha Goude Interest Fund	48,260	10,064	(2,173)	12,647	20,538	68,798
Scholarship Funds						
Family Living Scholarship	2,382	-	-	-	-	2,382
Kimball Memorial	4,268	716	(813)	213	116	4,384
Dee and Ina McKern Memorial	13,260	599	(1,040)	750	309	13,569
Marie Snyder Memorial	8,149	357	(1,025)	406	(262)	7,887
DeVries	9,016	382	(2,027)	464	(1,181)	7,835
Interest Funds						
Riverview	5,382	1,090	(1,073)	1,325	1,342	6,724
Kegley Memorial	1,854	982	(1,316)	1,179	845	2,699
Fox Island	6,158	1,593	(106)	1,996	3,483	9,641
Kittleson	1,862	671	(1,295)	841	217	2,079
Forry	8,365	2,262	(2,402)	2,781	2,641	11,006
GRRHA	52,622	18,288	(3,062)	19,848	35,074	87,696
Nob Hill	15,121	3,432	(1,230)	4,259	6,461	21,582
Vanderpool	4,019	1,007	(567)	1,261	1,701	5,720
Horace W. Bozarth	1,789	311	(21)	390	680	2,469
Enga M. Anderson	1,271	292	(19)	366	639	1,910
Kiona-Benton Grange #548,						
Jack D. Koss	2,495	583	(39)	730	1,274	3,769
Ray H. and Marian J.						
Kamerrer	50,720	10,388	(3,195)	13,076	20,269	70,989
Norman Buchholz	12,043	2,803	(2,187)	3,511	4,127	16,170
McCleary	10,757	3,635	(2,660)	3,024	3,999	14,756
French Creek	4,475	1,314	(1,339)	1,677	1,652	6,127
Rock Creek	8,375	1,948	(1,131)	2,400	3,217	11,592
Horseshoe	10,359	2,710	(1,682)	3,334	4,362	14,721
Horseshoe – Women's Activities	4,924	222	(15)	278	485	5,409
Lone Yew	2,366	580	(1,040)	755	295	2,661
Total	\$ 432,801	\$ 98,227	\$ (44,045)	\$ 117,688	\$ 171,870	\$ 604,671

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	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	Revenue Collected	Amounts Released or Expended	Change in Market Value	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected over Expenses Paid	Net Assets, End of Year
NET ASSETS WITH						
DONOR RESTRICTIONS –						
PERPETUAL IN NATURE						
Research and Scholarship Funds						
Fidelity Grange Principal	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Delpha Goude Principal	175,000	-	-	-	-	175,000
Golden Sheaf Fund	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Youth Education	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Scholarship Funds						
Principal						
Riverview	19,000	-	-	-	-	19,000
Kegley Memorial	20,200	-	-	-	-	20,200
Fox Island	29,118	-	-	-	-	29,118
Kittleson	13,000	-	-	-	-	13,000
Forry	42,000	-	-	-	-	42,000
Nob Hill	61,100	-	-	-	-	61,100
Vanderpool	18,273	-	-	-	-	18,273
Horace W. Bozarth	5,100	-	-	-	-	5,100
GRRHA	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
Enga M. Anderson	5,200	-	-	-	-	5,200
Kiona-Benton Grange #548,						
Jack D. Koss	10,400	-	-	-	-	10,400
Ray H. and Marian J.						
Kamerrer	180,000	-	-	-	-	180,000
Norman Buchholz	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
McCleary	42,494	-	-	-	-	42,494
French Creek	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
Rock Creek	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000
Horseshoe	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Lone Yew	10,836	-	-	-	-	10,836
Total	1,656,721	-	-	-	-	1,656,721
Total net assets	\$ 2,090,937	\$ 138,374	\$ (69,306)	\$ 117,695	\$ 186,763	\$ 2,277,700

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Review Report of Independent Accountants and
Financial Statements with
Supplementary Information

Washington State Grange Foundation

December 31, 2024

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Review Report of Independent Accountants

The Board of Trustees
Washington State Grange Foundation

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Washington State Grange Foundation, which comprise the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis and cash flows – modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of company management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Washington State Grange Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw your attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes that the accompanying financial statements were prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of changes in net assets by fund – modified cash basis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Seattle, Washington
December 2, 2025

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Washington State Grange Foundation
Statement of Assets and Net Assets – Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 135,903
INVESTMENTS	<u>2,422,888</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,558,791</u></u>

NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	<u>\$ 130,579</u>
With donor restrictions	
Purpose	771,491
Perpetual in nature	<u>1,656,721</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>2,428,212</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 2,558,791</u></u>

See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

Washington State Grange Foundation
Statement of Revenue and Expenses – Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total 2024
REVENUE			
Contributions	\$ -	\$ 99,353	\$ 99,353
Grants	96,493	-	96,493
Investment gain, net	117,228	91,217	208,445
Net assets released from restriction	23,750	(23,750)	-
Total revenue	237,471	166,820	404,291
EXPENSES			
Scholarships and awards	19,250	-	19,250
Grants	82,580	-	82,580
Other	21,370	-	21,370
Total expenses	123,200	-	123,200
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	114,271	166,820	281,091
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	16,308	2,261,392	2,277,700
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 130,579	\$ 2,428,212	\$ 2,558,791

See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

Washington State Grange Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows – Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended December 31, 2024

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	\$ 281,091
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities	
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	<u>(151,702)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>129,389</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of investments	(1,135,569)
Proceeds from sale of investments	<u>1,068,941</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(66,628)</u>
NET CHANGE IN CASH	62,761
CASH, beginning of year	<u>73,142</u>
CASH, end of year	<u><u>\$ 135,903</u></u>

See review report of independent accountants and accompanying notes.

Washington State Grange Foundation

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1 – Nature of the Organization

The Washington State Grange Foundation (the Foundation) was incorporated in 1963 in Washington State as an educational organization. The Foundation provides scholarships for agricultural and home economics education as well as funds for agricultural and aquacultural research and for safety education. The Foundation's support comes primarily from interest earned and contributions. The Foundation awarded \$750 to \$1,500 scholarships during 2024 as well as disbursed funds to Washington State Grange and Golden Sheaf in accordance with donor intentions.

Subsequent events – The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events through December 2, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no material subsequent events that require recognition or additional disclosure.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting – The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting modified to record assets or liabilities with respect to cash transactions and events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. The modifications result in the recording of investments at fair value in the financial statements. This method of accounting represents a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). This basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain revenue and related assets have been recognized when cash is received rather than when earned and certain expenses and related liabilities have been recognized when paid rather than when the obligations occurred.

Presentation – The financial statements of the Foundation report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board has not designated any net assets without donor restrictions as of December 31, 2024.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

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Functional allocation of expenses – All costs are assigned directly to each function based on the nature of the cost. Expenses are recorded upon cash payment. See Note 7.

Cash and cash equivalents – The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments without donor restrictions with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. At December 31, 2024, cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and money market accounts. At times, cash balances may be in excess of federally insured limits. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in these accounts, and management does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

Investments – The Foundation carries investments with readily determinable fair values at their fair values in the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis. Investment return is included in the accompanying statement of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis. In accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, the investments should be recorded at cost and not fair value. Management has concluded reporting the investments at fair value for the year ended December 31, 2024, is appropriate as it is a significant asset to the Foundation and the knowledge of the income stream is critical for both management and board governance purposes.

Revenue recognition – The Foundation records contributions and grants revenue upon cash receipt.

Related-party transactions – The Foundation's related-party transactions include reimbursements for its Golden Sheaf dues that are paid to the National Grange in the form of quarterly payments by the Washington State Grange. The membership dues are based on membership numbers reported by the Washington State Grange to the National Grange. The Washington State Grange also provides employee and other administrative support to the Foundation for which an agreed-upon fee is charged to the Foundation. These related-party expenses are recorded as administrative fees within the statement of revenue and expenses – modified cash basis.

Income tax status – Effective May 15, 2025, the Foundation's tax exempt status was auto-revoked by the Internal Revenue Service due to overdue tax return filings. The Foundation is in the process for re-applying for retroactive reinstatement.

The Foundation would generally be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) except to the extent of unrelated business taxable income as defined under IRC sections 511 through 515. The Foundation recognizes the tax benefit from uncertain tax positions only if it is more likely than not the tax positions will be sustained on examination by the tax authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit is measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Foundation recognizes interest and penalties related to income tax matters in operating expenses.

The Foundation had no unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2024. No interest or penalties were accrued for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Foundation files an exempt organization return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.

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Risks and uncertainties – The Foundation invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis.

Use of estimates – Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets, the disclosure of contingent assets, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 3 – Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, or inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or the equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy leveling.

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The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2024.

Cash and cash equivalents – Valued at \$1 share price based on investments that are fully collateralized by cash and/or government securities including money market funds, often insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) (Level 1).

Equities – Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded, including corporate stocks and exchange-traded funds (Level 1).

Fixed income and preferred securities – Valued at \$1 share price based on investments that are fully collateralized by cash and/or government securities, including certificates of deposit and exchange-traded funds. These assets are held for fixed terms with early withdrawal restrictions and are often insured by the FDIC (Level 1).

At December 31, 2024, investments and endowment funds consisted of the following:

	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 130,579	\$ 5,324	\$ 135,903
Equity	-	1,293,878	1,293,878
Fixed income and preferred	-	1,129,010	1,129,010
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 130,579</u>	<u>\$ 2,428,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,558,791</u>

Net investment gain consisted of the following during the year ended December 31, 2024:

	<u>Investments</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dividends and interest	\$ 33	\$ 56,710	\$ 56,743
Realized and unrealized gains	-	151,702	151,702
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ 208,412</u>	<u>\$ 208,445</u>

Note 4 – Net Assets With and Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions include all assets, revenue, and expenses, which are not restricted by donors and are available for current operations.

The Foundation maintains no net assets with time-restricted donations.

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Net assets with donor restrictions – purpose restricted and restricted in perpetuity at December 31, 2024, consist of the following:

Historical Fund	\$ (5,301)
Grange Building Reserve	1,607
Auburn	2,739
Horseshoe - WAC	6,032
Horseshoe - Junior Dept	9,015
King Memorial Fund	10,869
Horseshoe - Northern District Camping Fund	14,615
Youth Education	39,803
Research and Scholarship	92,313
Golden Sheaf	175,746
Academic Scholarships	424,053
	771,491
Restricted in perpetuity	
	1,656,721
Total	
	\$ 2,428,212

Note 5 – Endowment

The Foundation's endowment consists of several donor-restricted endowment funds. Net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The Foundation follows the Washington State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (PMIFA) and its own bylaws. The board of trustees of the Foundation has interpreted PMIFA as requiring the preservation of the historical dollar amount of a donor-restricted endowment fund absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature (a) the original value of gifts donated to the perpetual endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the perpetual endowment, and (c) accumulations to the perpetual endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are perpetual in nature is classified as net assets with donor-imposed restrictions that are temporary in nature until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by PMIFA. In accordance with PMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purposes of the donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation

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5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. The investment policies of the Foundation

Investment return objectives, risk parameters, and strategies – The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets, approved by the Board of Trustees, that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain and preserve the principal value of these endowment assets over the long term. The Foundation's spending and investment policies work together to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters. The Foundation invests in a diversified allocation of money market funds, exchange-traded funds, and certificates of deposit with sound financial institutions.

Spending policy – The spending policy provides a guideline for the amount of money available to be distributed from the Foundation's various endowed and invested funds. The amount appropriated for distribution is determined by the Foundation's directors based on the amount of available funds. Expenses that are necessary for the operation of the Foundation are subject to review and approval by the Foundation's directors. Scholarships are determined by the available amount from annual interest, which is influenced directly by market condition.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund at December 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be Maintained in perpetuity by donor			
Research and scholarship	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000
Golden sheaf	-	450,000	450,000
Youth education	-	100,000	100,000
Academic scholarships	-	916,721	916,721
Accumulated investment gains			
Research and scholarship	-	92,313	92,313
Golden sheaf	-	175,746	175,746
Youth education	-	39,803	39,803
Other		424,053	424,053
Academic scholarships	-	39,576	39,576
Total funds	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,428,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,428,212</u>

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Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2024, were as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, January 1, 2024	\$ -	\$ 2,261,392	\$ 2,261,392
Investment gains	-	208,412	208,412
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	(41,592)	(41,592)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,428,212</u>	<u>\$ 2,428,212</u>

Note 6 – Liquidity

The Foundation's financial assets have seasonal variations during the year attributable to the timing of receipt of payments for membership dues. The Foundation has managed cash flows through investment accounts with Foundation directors approving draws from the investment accounts when needed, up to the approved amount, in accordance with the Foundation's Investment and Spending Policy. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the Foundation would also draw upon these investment accounts, valued at \$2,422,888 as of December 31, 2024. Financial assets available for general expenditures within one year of the statement of assets and net assets – modified cash basis consist of total financial assets without donor restrictions of \$130,579.

Note 7 – Functional Allocation of Expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expense that are attributable to program and supporting function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services according to an appropriate and consistent basis derived by management as follows:

	Program Services	Management and General	Total
Scholarships	\$ 19,250	\$ -	\$ 19,250
Bank fees	8,885	8,885	17,770
Grants	82,580	-	82,580
Office expenses	3,600	-	3,600
Total expenses	<u>\$ 114,315</u>	<u>\$ 8,885</u>	<u>\$ 123,200</u>

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Supplemental Information

Washington State Grange Foundation
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December 31, 2024

	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	Revenue Collected	Amounts Released or Expended	Change in Market Value	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected over Expenses Paid	Net Assets, End of Year
NET ASSETS WITHOUT						
DONOR RESTRICTIONS						
Foundation	\$ 2,801	\$ 2,884	\$ -	\$ 93	\$ 2,977	\$ 5,778
Working Capital	13,507	210,558	(98,627)	(637)	111,294	124,801
	16,308	213,442	(98,627)	(544)	114,271	130,579
NET ASSETS WITH						
DONOR RESTRICTIONS –						
PURPOSE RESTRICTIONS						
Historical Fund	(1,798)	149	(3,600)	(52)	(3,503)	(5,301)
Auburn	2,532	103	-	104	207	2,739
King Memorial Fund	9,965	496	-	408	904	10,869
Horseshoe – WAC	5,676	249	-	107	356	6,032
Horseshoe – Junior Dept	8,336	338	-	341	679	9,015
Horseshoe – Northern District						
Camping Fund	13,513	548	-	554	1,102	14,615
Youth Education	29,259	5,244	-	5,300	10,544	39,803
Golden Sheaf	128,551	23,471	-	23,724	47,195	175,746
Grange Building Reserve	1,077	263	-	267	530	1,607
Research and Scholarship Funds						
Fidelity Grange Interest Fund	4,985	811	-	820	1,631	6,616
Delpha Goude Interest Fund	68,798	10,617	(3,750)	10,032	16,899	85,697
Scholarship Funds						
Family Living Scholarship	2,382	-	-	-	-	2,382
Campship Fund	4,384	388	(900)	188	(324)	4,060
Dee and Ina McKern Memorial	13,569	550	-	557	1,107	14,676
Marie Snyder Memorial	7,887	1,359	-	365	1,724	9,611
DeVries	7,835	304	(1,000)	332	(364)	7,471
Interest Funds						
Riverview	6,724	1,036	(1,000)	1,066	1,102	7,826
Kegley Memorial	2,699	914	(1,000)	951	865	3,564
Fox Island	9,641	1,566	(1,000)	1,601	2,167	11,808
Kittleson	2,079	605	(1,000)	630	235	2,314
Forry	11,006	2,140	(1,500)	2,191	2,831	13,837
GRRHA	87,696	17,700	(2,500)	15,830	31,030	118,726
Nob Hill	21,582	3,335	(1,250)	3,406	5,491	27,073
Vanderpool	5,720	974	-	984	1,958	7,678
Horace W. Bozarth	2,469	307	-	310	617	3,086
Enga M. Anderson	1,910	288	-	292	580	2,490
Kiona-Benton Grange #548,						
Jack D. Koss	3,769	575	-	581	1,156	4,925
Ray H. and Marian J.						
Kamerrer	70,989	10,184	-	10,292	20,476	91,465
Norman Buchholz	16,170	4,231	(1,500)	2,793	5,524	21,694
McCleary	14,756	2,323	-	2,348	4,671	19,427
French Creek	6,127	1,264	-	1,277	2,541	8,668
Rock Creek	11,592	1,879	(1,500)	1,928	2,307	13,899
Horseshoe	14,721	2,617	(1,250)	2,668	4,035	18,756
Horseshoe – Women's Activities	5,409	220	-	222	442	5,851
Lone Yew	2,661	540	(1,000)	565	105	2,766
Total	\$ 604,671	\$ 97,588	\$ (23,750)	\$ 92,982	\$ 166,820	\$ 771,491

See review report of independent accountants.

Washington State Grange Foundation
Schedule of Changes in Net Assets by Fund – Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2024

	Net Assets, Beginning of Year	Revenue Collected	Amounts Released or Expended	Change in Market Value	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Collected over Expenses Paid	Net Assets, End of Year
NET ASSETS WITH						
DONOR RESTRICTIONS –						
PERPETUAL IN NATURE						
Research and Scholarship Funds						
Fidelity Grange Principal	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
Delpha Goude Principal	175,000	-	-	-	-	175,000
Golden Sheaf Fund	450,000	-	-	-	-	450,000
Youth Education	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Scholarship Funds						
Principal						
Riverview	19,000	-	-	-	-	19,000
Kegley Memorial	20,200	-	-	-	-	20,200
Fox Island	29,118	-	-	-	-	29,118
Kittleson	13,000	-	-	-	-	13,000
Forry	42,000	-	-	-	-	42,000
Nob Hill	61,100	-	-	-	-	61,100
Vanderpool	18,273	-	-	-	-	18,273
Horace W. Bozarth	5,100	-	-	-	-	5,100
GRRHA	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000
Enga M. Anderson	5,200	-	-	-	-	5,200
Kiona-Benton Grange #548,						
Jack D. Koss	10,400	-	-	-	-	10,400
Ray H. and Marian J.						
Kamerrer	180,000	-	-	-	-	180,000
Norman Buchholz	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
McCleary	42,494	-	-	-	-	42,494
French Creek	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000
Rock Creek	35,000	-	-	-	-	35,000
Horseshoe	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Lone Yew	10,836	-	-	-	-	10,836
Total	1,656,721	-	-	-	-	1,656,721
Total net assets	\$ 2,277,700	\$ 311,030	\$ (122,377)	\$ 92,438	\$ 281,091	\$ 2,558,791

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WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE



2026 CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GRANGE

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ARTICLE I -- NAME

Sec. 1. This Grange shall be known as the Washington State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Sec. 2. In all its acts the Washington State Grange shall be subject to, and controlled by, the constitution, laws, and regulations of the National Grange.

ARTICLE II -- MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. The membership of the Washington State Grange shall consist of voting members, honorary members, and supportive members.

Sec. 2. Voting Members. Voting members in this State Grange shall consist of Masters and their spouses of Pomona and Subordinate Granges of this state which have duly transmitted all reports to the Secretary of the State Grange and paid all sums due the State Grange to the end of the quarter next preceding the meeting of the State Grange. Provided that any such Grange may elect any members as its delegate whenever the Master or spouse is unable to serve. A Grange shall be entitled to two votes in the State Grange. Provided further, that, whenever the same person shall hold the office of Master in both the Pomona and Subordinate Granges such person shall represent either the Pomona or Subordinate Grange but not both. In the case of a Master or spouse present at session who also serves as a Deputy Master in any capacity, state director, district director or advisor and whose duties preclude him/her from exercising his/her voting privilege, an alternate may be elected.

Sec. 3. Honorary Members. Honorary members shall be officers of the Washington State Grange and their wives or husbands, its past Masters and their wives or husbands, who are not voting members. They may participate in the discussions and serve on committees in the State Grange.

Sec. 4. State Supportive Members. A person with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become a Supportive member.

(a) Supportive membership will be gained by individuals by a contractual agreement between the National Grange and a business entity providing a service to those individuals.

(b) Supportive Business Class Membership by paying annually to the Washington State Grange or Subordinate/Community Grange a fee to be a Business Supportive Member. They will support the policies of the Washington State Grange, Subordinate/Community Granges.

(c) Such supportive members shall be entitled to benefits from the State Grange; provided, however, that supportive members shall not be entitled to attend regular Grange meetings, vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange Members only.

Sec. 5. State E-Members. A person with an interest in the advancement of agriculture, improvement of rural life, and policies and principles of the organization may become an E-member.

(a) E-Membership will be gained by individuals completing an on-line application form and paying the National Grange annual dues for this class of membership.

(b) E-Members will receive all information and benefits via electronic means. The National Grange shall provide electronic publications and benefits. The E-Member shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in Grange sponsored contests that are designed for Grange Members only.

Sec. 6. Sixth Degree. Any member in good standing in the Fourth Degree who has received the Degree of Pomona is entitled to receive the Degree of Flora upon proper application and initiation as defined by National Grange law.

Sec. 7. At the close of each quarter each Subordinate Grange shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange the fee of \$2 for all members voted into membership during such quarter.

Sec. 8. All Subordinate Granges in this state shall operate under the general dues plan and shall pay to the State Grange quarterly dues of \$7.50 plus the amount for National Grange dues for a regular member; \$15.00 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each family membership; and \$8.00 plus the amount for National Grange dues for each associate member; except if the member is under the age of nineteen (19) the quarterly dues shall be the amount owed for National Grange dues.

ARTICLE III -- OFFICERS

Sec. 1. The officers of this State Grange shall consist of and rank as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona, Flora, Executive Committee and Director of Family Living. The elected Treasurer of any Grange shall not also be elected to the position of Executive Committee in the same Grange.

The following alternative titles may be used: President for Master, Vice-President for Overseer, Program Director for Lecturer, Greeter for Gatekeeper, and Board of Directors for Executive Committee. It is understood that these titles are interchangeable within the printed materials of the Grange.

Sec. 2. The regular election of officers shall take place at the annual meeting held in odd numbered years, excepting Executive Committeemen who shall be elected for three-year terms in such a manner that one shall be elected at each annual session.

Sec. 3. Vacancies shall be filled by the State Grange, if in session. Vacancies occurring between annual meetings, except for the Office of Master, may be filled by appointment of the Master, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, provided whenever an officer of the State Grange is absent from an annual meeting except for some cause which is acceptable to a majority of the delegates present, the Master shall declare the office vacant.

Sec. 4. All officers are amenable to this State Grange and in case charges are brought against them, such charges shall be tried by the State Grange, except that charges brought against the Master of this Grange and his/her spouse, shall be tried by the National Grange.

ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS

Sec. 1. The Grange shall start its annual meeting as close to the end of June as possible.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Master or Secretary upon request of the Executive Committee or the written request of 10% of the total of Subordinate and Pomona Granges.

Sec. 3. When a special meeting is to be held, the Secretary shall give at least thirty day's notice of the same to the Masters and Secretaries of all Pomona and Subordinate Granges.

Sec. 4. Seventy-five delegates shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is secured.

Sec. 5. The Master and Secretary shall arrange for the registration of all delegates and visiting Grangers.

ARTICLE V -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1. Master. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Grange; to see that the officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties; to see that the constitution and bylaws of the National Grange, the constitution and bylaws of the State Grange, and the rules and regulations of the Order are obeyed; to sign all orders upon the treasury and to perform such other duties as pertain to his/her office or are required by these articles and the usages of the Order. In addition to the Master's Address, he/she shall report to each session rulings made since his/her last report.

Sec. 2. Overseer. It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist the Master; to preside over the Grange in the absence of the Master; and, in case the office of Master shall be vacant, he/she shall be installed and fill it until the next annual meeting.

Sec. 3. Secretary.

a) The Secretary shall make and keep a complete and accurate record of all the proceedings of the meetings of the State Grange and of the Executive Committee. He/she shall make all necessary returns to the National Grange. He/she shall keep the accounts of the Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges with the State Grange and all moneys belonging to the State Grange.

(b) He/she shall deposit in a bank or banks, designated by the Executive Committee and Treasurer, all moneys coming into his/her hands and shall advise the Treasurer of the

amount belonging to each fund. He/she shall draw and countersign all orders upon the Treasurer.

(c) He/she shall furnish Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges with blanks upon which to make necessary reports.

(d) He/she shall publish annually a complete roster or register of the names and numbers of all Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges of this state, together with the names and addresses of key officer contacts of each Grange, and furnish copies to the state officers, state directors, district directors or advisors and deputies of the State Grange, Master and Secretary of each Subordinate and Pomona Grange and to Junior Leaders.

(e) He/she shall publish annually on or before October 1st, a complete journal of the proceedings of the State Grange meeting on the Washington State Grange Website. He/she shall furnish copies to those desiring to purchase the same at a price fixed by the Executive Committee.

(f) He/she shall see that the dues payable to the State Grange are promptly paid, and in case the dues of a Subordinate Grange remain delinquent for two quarters, he/she shall report the delinquent Subordinate Grange to the State Master.

(g) He/she shall, before the annual meeting, prepare the roll of Granges with their Masters and alternate delegates.

h) He/She shall mail out each year to all Subordinate and Pomona Granges a copy of the annual budget along with the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting during which the budget was adopted.

Sec.4. Treasurer. All moneys of the State Grange shall be deposited in the bank or banks to the credit of the Treasurer. He/she shall keep an account of all moneys received and shall pay from same all orders signed by the Master and the Secretary. Provided that, the Executive Committee may direct the Master and the Secretary to draw an order on the Treasurer for a sum not to exceed one half the Secretary's bond to be placed in the Secretary's revolving fund for the payment of current expense. The Treasurer shall give a full statement of the condition of the treasury at each annual meeting and whenever called upon to do so by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. Other Officers. The duties of these officers shall be as defined by the manual and/or the current Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

Sec. 6. All state officers shall file their reports with the State Grange at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the annual session. These reports shall be published in the official program.

ARTICLE VI -- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. The Executive Committee of this Grange shall consist of three elective members and the Master, Overseer, and Secretary who shall be members ex officio with voting rights.

Sec. 2. The term of office for Executive Committeemen shall be three years, and one shall be elected annually, except the Master, Overseer, and Secretary who shall be elected in each odd numbered year.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall attend to the general and specific business of the State Grange, as directed by delegate action at each State Grange convention, exercising supervision over the affairs of the Order during a recess of the Grange, order formal professional reviews of the Secretary, Treasurer and other accounts by a state licensed or bonded auditor certified public accounting firm that specializes in non-profits, until the Executive Committee calls for a full audit of the Washington State Grange and the Washington State Grange Foundation, approve all official bonds and report all its actions in detail to the State Grange at each annual meeting.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee shall, budget such moneys from the general fund as are necessary for the various programs or departments.

ARTICLE VII -- COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIVING

Sec. 1. The Committee on Family Living of this Grange shall consist of an elected state director and such assistants as may be appointed by the Master and the Executive Committee.

The duties of this committee shall be such as may properly come before its members, or such matters which may be referred to them.

Sec. 2. Pomona and Subordinate Granges may authorize a Committee on Family Living composed of Grange members only, which may hold separate meetings. The chairman of the Committee on Family Living shall make a report to each regular meeting of their Grange.

ARTICLE VIII -- SUSPENSIONS

Except the Master, who is amenable to the National Grange, any officer of this State Grange who may neglect or refuse to perform the duties of his/her office, may be suspended from office by a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee after a fair and impartial trial by said Committee.

ARTICLE IX -- FISCAL YEAR

Sec. 1. The fiscal year of this State Grange shall end on the 31st day of December pending IRS approval; the fiscal year for Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges shall end on the 31st day of December of each year.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee, Secretaries, and Treasurers of all Granges to make their reports, including therein all business transactions up to the close of the year, ready for presentation to the auditing committees.

ARTICLE X -- NON-PROFIT STATUS

The Washington State Grange is a non-profit tax-exempt organization and meets the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service Code [501 (C)(8)] for non-profit fraternal organizations.

ARTICLE XI -- AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. The provisions of this constitution may be changed, provided the proposed change is not in conflict with National Grange law, upon written notice giving full text of amendment in proper legislative markup style, (~~deleted text struck through~~ and new text underlined), introduced in the State Grange in annual session at least 6 hours prior to its consideration, upon two-thirds vote of the members voting. Provided that the total number voting upon the amendment shall be not less than two-thirds of the registered delegates.

Sec. 2. Any proposed amendment can be amended on the floor by one or more amendments, but if amended, final action of the amended amendment shall be deferred for not less than 6 hours.

Sec. 3. All proposed amendments shall be printed and presented to the delegates before action is taken on the proposed amendments.

Sec. 4. The State Secretary shall send the text of all changes to the Constitution to each Pomona and Subordinate Grange after the State Grange Session.

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ARTICLE I -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1. Bonds. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the State, Pomona, and Subordinate Granges shall each provide bonds in such sum as the Executive Committee of the various bodies may deem adequate, payable to the Executive Committee. In case of forfeiture, the amount collected on such bonds shall be held in trust by the Committee until the proper officer is installed. The bonds shall be held by the Master. It is further provided that the State Grange may arrange for a blanket bond which shall be held by the Executive Committee of the State Grange.

Sec. 2. Background Checks. All State and District Directors or Advisors of Youth and Junior Departments and all State Officers will complete a background check utilizing the Washington State Patrol non-profit no-fee background check within 30 days of appointment or installation.

Sec. 3. Regalia. It shall be the duty of all members of State, Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges to be clothed in proper regalia while in attendance at meetings. It is further provided that all officers carry the emblems of their respective offices as provided by National Grange law and usage, during meetings.

Sec. 4. Unwritten Work. Only Granges, open in due form and working under a charter, or members of the Order called together by the Master of the State Grange, his/her deputies, or the Master of their respective Granges for instruction, shall be permitted to use the unwritten work of the Order.

Sec. 5. Elections. Elections in all Granges shall be by paper ballot and a majority of all ballots cast shall be necessary to elect. Nominations may be made from the floor if the Grange desires. A motion to close nominations is never in order and members may vote for any member whether the name has been placed in nomination or not.

Sec. 6 Election of State Grange Officers. Elections in the State Grange shall be conducted in the following manner:

- (a) The election shall be in the charge of an election committee who shall be appointed annually by the Master. This committee shall conduct the election, prepare and tabulate the ballots and report the results as hereinafter provided.

(b) Each ballot shall have printed on it the year, office and be numbered and color coded.

(c) Election to office must be by ballot, and nominations shall be made from the floor. Each officer shall be elected upon a separate ballot according to name and rank as provided for in the National Grange Digest of Laws. After the nominations for each office the candidates shall be presented from the platform and their names posted, then allowed one minute to state their name, Grange, occupation, and Grange experience. Candidates for Master will be allowed an additional 3 minutes to give their vision statement for the future of the Grange. Said statement shall include only the candidate's vision and goals. The delegates will then vote. The election committee shall arrange for sufficient teller tables and tellers to facilitate the rapid counting of the ballots.

(d) Ballots shall ONLY be cast from the delegate floor. No ballots shall be collected from any other location. No ballots shall be cast by cell phone, proxy, or any other method.

(e) The election committee will then proceed to collect and count the ballots, announcing the result to the assembly in regular session only.

(f) The candidates receiving a majority of all votes cast for the respective offices shall be declared elected; provided that, if no candidate receives the majority of all votes cast for an office, the names of the candidates who's combined votes for the office equals the majority of all votes cast in the previous ballot shall be voted on as above.

(g) If, at the completion of the second ballot, no candidate has a majority of all ballots cast, the vote shall be taken as heretofore provided until some candidate receives a majority of all votes cast.

Sec. 7. Claims. No claim against any Grange will be allowed or paid unless the same shall have been presented for audit or payment within one year from the time the same shall have accrued.

Sec. 8. Grange Property. Each officer of every Grange shall, at the expiration of his/her term of office, deliver to his/her successor, when duly installed, all books, papers, moneys, implements, or other property of any description pertaining to his/her office or belonging to the Grange.

Sec. 9. Funds. All funds belonging to the State Grange shall be deposited in some reliable bank or banks, approved by the Executive Committee of the State Grange, in the name of the State Grange. All moneys received by the State Grange shall be segregated into different funds as follows:

(a) Subordinate Grange Fees -- all moneys received as initiation fees from Subordinate Granges shall be deposited in the general fund of the State Grange.

(b) Sixth Degree Fees -- all moneys received for initiation fees to the sixth degree. This fund shall be divided, \$2.50 to be transmitted to the Secretary of the National Grange, the remaining to be transferred to the general fund of the State Grange.

(c) Inactive Grange Custodial Account -- all moneys received from the sale of custodial account properties held in the custodial account of an Inactive Grange. Custodial accounts of Inactive Granges shall be administered pursuant to Chapter 4 Article XII Digest of Laws.

(d) Property Fund:

(1) The net proceeds from the sale of real property shall be held in a custodial account for the selling Grange pursuant to Chapter 4, Article XI Digest of Laws. All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the selling Grange and this income shall be returned to such Grange annually, provided however, a custodial fee of 10% of the earned income shall be paid to the State Grange.

(2) The net proceeds from insurance settlements and claims shall be held in a custodial account for the insured Grange pursuant to Chapter 4, Article XI Digest of Laws. All earned income derived from such custodial account shall be the property of the insured Grange and this income shall be returned to such Grange annually, provided however, a custodial fee of 10% of the earned income shall be paid to the state Grange.

(e) Kegley Memorial Fund -- all moneys received from any source for subscription to such fund, and all repayments of loans made from such fund, and all interest on such loans or on investments of such fund. The interest from the Kegley Memorial Fund shall be split fifty percent (50%) to the Washington State Grange Foundation General Fund and fifty percent (50%) to the Washington State Grange Foundation Historical Fund.

(f) Life Membership Fund -- All moneys received from life membership fees, including the income therefrom, shall be maintained by the Washington State Grange as follows:

(1) All sums collected by Subordinate Granges from life membership fees shall be immediately remitted to the State Secretary who shall place such sums in the Life Membership Fund (the "Fund").

(2) The principal amount of the Fund shall constitute, be, and remain a permanent trust fund.

(3) The income from the Fund (less ten percent (10%), which shall be retained by the Washington State Grange to defray the expenses of maintaining the Fund) shall be distributed, during the first quarter of each year, to the patron's Subordinate Grange unless that patron wishes the income to be equally distributed between the patron's Subordinate Grange and the Washington State Grange or the entire income be given to the Washington State Grange.

(4) The holder of a life membership certificate may voluntarily transfer to another Subordinate Grange in Washington, whereupon the State Secretary, upon notice thereof, shall transfer on the books of the Fund, so that the same is attributable to the new Subordinate Grange of membership, the fee received for the holder's life membership.

(5) All money in the Fund attributable to two or more Subordinate Granges which consolidate shall be combined and deemed attributable to the consolidated Subordinate Grange.

(6) A holder's life membership rights shall not be transferred if he/she demits to any other Subordinate Grange in another state. The fee paid for his/her life membership shall remain in the Fund and continue to be attributable to his/her former Subordinate Grange.

(7) Any income otherwise distributable hereunder to a Subordinate Grange which has dissolved, shall be added to the principal amount of the Fund as of December 31 except to the extent the holder of a life membership certificate in such dissolved Grange has affiliated with another Subordinate Grange in Washington prior to December 31, in which case, and to such extent, such income shall be distributable to such holder's new Subordinate Grange.

(8) The holder of a life membership certificate in a Subordinate Grange which becomes dissolved shall, upon affiliation with another Subordinate Grange in Washington, have his/her life membership transferred in the same manner as for a voluntary transfer.

(g) General Fund -- all other receipts, except such as may be credited to special funds which may be set up from time to time, under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 10. Flag Ceremonial. The Grange Flag Ceremonial shall consist of the presentation and retirement of the National Flag at all Grange meetings and each daily meeting of the State Grange session. The flag shall be presented immediately after the proclamation of the Overseer in the opening ceremony and retired immediately after the salutation in the closing ceremony.

Sec. 11. Outside Speakers. Outside speakers by invitation of the Washington State Grange delegates, or the Executive Committee prior to the session, will be allowed to speak on policies only that are in sympathy with Grange principles and non-political. This shall not apply to National Grange officers, nor to officers from other state Granges. Provided that visiting Grangers shall be extended the courtesy of the floor at the discretion of the State Master and within reason.

Sec. 12. File Bylaws. Duly authenticated copies of the constitution and bylaws adopted by newly organized Pomona, Subordinate, and Junior Granges shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Grange before any regular meetings, other than the organization meeting to adopt such constitution and bylaws, are held. Any subsequent amendments to any Grange bylaws shall be filed with the Secretary of the State Grange before becoming effective.

Sec. 13. Grange Meeting Halls. No portion of a Grange meeting hall may be used as a personal residence, unless that portion of the Grange meeting hall has been specifically designed and designated for that purpose.

Sec. 14. Alcoholic Beverages. All Granges are prohibited from having alcoholic beverages either in the Grange Hall or on any Grange property during any Grange meeting, except as provided in sub section (b). Granges meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange may not allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages during any Grange meeting.

(a) A Grange may allow the use of alcoholic beverages at Grange sponsored activities. The individual Grange shall obtain host liquor or liquor liability coverage if it sponsors any events where alcohol will be served.

(b) All Granges may have sealed containers of alcoholic beverages at Grange meetings and activities for use as demonstration aids, gifts, or fund raisers. Such containers shall remain sealed at such Grange meeting or activity.

(c) The use of alcoholic beverages at functions sponsored by non-Grange groups that rent or lease Grange property is allowed. Such renters shall provide proof of host liquor or liquor liability coverage.

(d) No Grange on any level shall apply for or hold a liquor license except for temporary permits for special events.

Sec. 15. Illegal Drugs. All Granges are prohibited from allowing Schedule I drugs, as defined by the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA), in a Grange Hall or on any Grange Property or at any Grange meeting in buildings or on property not owned by the Grange.

(a) This section shall apply to all Schedule II to V drugs as defined by the CSA, except those held in lawful possession as prescribed by a licensed physician.

(b) No Grange shall allow on Grange property any other person to engage in activities that circumvent this section or encourages the disregard of the CSA.

Sec. 16. Membership Card. A valid, signed by secretary, membership card may be used in all Subordinate and Pomona Granges as proof of membership.

Sec. 17. Probation. The remedy of placing a Grange on Probation is intended to be used when in the judgement of the State Master, the deficiencies in these criteria do not warrant suspending the Grange's charter and may be remedied in a reasonable time. The duration and conditions of a Probation shall be established by the State Master with the advice of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II -- DEPUTIES

Sec. 1. Supervising Deputy. The Master may appoint a general deputy to have supervision of the field work, and when in his/her judgement and that of the Executive Committee the occasion warrants it, may make suitable financial arrangements with such deputy other than such as herein set forth.

Sec. 2. Deputies at Large. The Master may appoint any member as a deputy at large, whose jurisdiction shall reach over the entire state. Provided the deputy at large shall be expected to cooperate with, and work in harmony with, the county deputy, wherever such an official shall exist.

Sec. 3. County Deputies. The Master may appoint, not to exceed, an average of one deputy for each county. Provided, counties with more than one Pomona Grange may have one deputy for each Pomona. It is further provided, counties or Pomona jurisdictions with more than 10 Granges may have a deputy for each 10 Granges.

Sec. 4. Special deputies may be appointed for special purposes.

Sec. 5. Term of Office. The term of office of any deputy shall not exceed that of the appointing Master.

Sec. 6. Reports. All deputies shall make a detailed report to the State Master at least once each quarter.

ARTICLE III -- COMMITTEES

Sec. 1. Session Committees. Preceding the state session each year the State Master shall send a questionnaire with a list of the session committees to the voting delegates of each Pomona and Subordinate Grange and shall fill the committees from such voting delegates and officers, wives or husbands of the Washington State Grange. The session committees shall be as follows:

Agriculture	Grange Activities
Auditing	Grange Law
Conservation and Ecology	Health, Health Care, and Safety
Constitution and Bylaws	Legislative, National
Credentials	Legislative, State
Education	Taxation and Fiscal Policy
Fish and Wildlife	Transportation

The Master with the consent of the Executive Committee may add temporary session committees as the need arises.

Each committee shall consist of not less than five members and may be increased by the State Master.

Each session committee shall include a representative of the corresponding standing committee, provided there are delegates present at the convention who are also members of the standing committee. The Master shall fill committee vacancies from the delegates present.

Sec. 2. Auditing Committee. The auditing committee shall examine and check the audit of the reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee. It shall report its findings to the session.

Sec. 3. Standing Intersessions Committees. Standing committees are raised for the general Good of the Order and may continue in existence until the next regular installation of officers. The Master, with the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint the Standing Committees.

These committees shall report in writing 30 days prior to the opening day of the annual session, so that this material may be included with the resolutions given to each registered delegate.

The Intersession Committee reports shall be submitted to the Subordinate and Pomona Granges in the same manner as resolutions are sent out prior to the Washington State Grange Convention.

Standing committees shall report to the annual session in writing. The standing committees shall be as follows:

Agriculture (9 members)	Junior Grange
Conservation and Ecology	Membership
Education	State and National Issues
Fish and Wildlife	Transportation/Taxation

(a) Agriculture Committee. The Agriculture Committee shall consist of nine members. These members shall be comprised of one member from each of the following areas: Animal Agriculture, Commodities, Conservation and Ecology, Land Use, Natural Resources, Water, Small Farms serving local communities and two (2) at large in Agricultural Industries.

(b) Fish and Wildlife Committee. The scope of this committee shall include all wildlife.

(c) Junior Grange, Family Living, and Youth/Young Adults Committees. These committees shall consist of the state directors as chairmen, and the district directors or advisors as members.

Sec. 4. Special Committees. Special committees are raised for a particular purpose and are considered discharged when the purpose is served. Special committees may be appointed from time to time as the State Grange may order. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Special committees shall report in writing 30 days prior to the opening day of the annual session, so that this material may be included with the resolutions given to each registered delegate.

Sec. 5. Progress Committee. The Master shall appoint a Progress Committee to serve during the annual session for the purpose of expediting and aiding the procedure of the session.

Sec. 6. All standing committees shall receive authorized actual expenses while on duty, and any additional remuneration that the Executive Committee shall see fit.

ARTICLE IV – COMPENSATION

Sec. 1.

(a) The Master shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine, with all necessary expenses of the office.

(b) The Secretary shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine, with all necessary expenses of the office.

(c) The Lecturer shall receive such compensation as the Executive Committee may determine, with all the necessary expenses of the office.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall receive \$35 per day and necessary expenses while in attendance upon the work of the State Grange, except that the Master shall receive expenses only.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall determine annually the amount of reimbursement allowed for cost of hotel, motel or other sleeping accommodations for all officers, state directors, district directors or advisors, and deputies, while attending the annual session, and in addition, they shall receive the same mileage as allowed duly elected delegates.

Sec. 4. One duly elected delegate from each Subordinate and Pomona Grange as verified by the Committee on Credentials, shall receive one-way mileage by the most usual route, plus boat fare, and per diem expense as the Executive Committee may determine while attending the State session; provided: To qualify, the delegate must attend all regular sessions through adjournment; payments shall be made at the close of the session unless written excuse, approved by the State Master, is filed with the Secretary.

If the Subordinate or Pomona Grange shall elect to send two delegates, other than a married couple, the existing remuneration shall be divided equally between the two delegates.

Sec. 5. Special and other committees not otherwise provided for shall receive such compensation or expense allowance as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V -- DEGREES

Sec. 1. Pomona. Any Fourth-Degree member in good standing may receive the Degree of Pomona from this Grange at the time of its annual meeting, upon the payment of a fee of \$1, which shall be turned over to the Pomona to which the member will belong.

Sec. 2. Flora. Any Fifth-Degree member may receive the Degree of Flora during the annual session of this Grange upon the payment of a ten dollar fee.

ARTICLE VI -- QUORUM AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sec. 1. Quorum. Seventy-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn from day to day.

Sec. 2. At the time of electing alternate delegates to the State Grange by the Subordinate and Pomona Granges, the Secretary of such Grange shall make out credentials in duplicate and shall send one copy to the State Secretary, who shall, before the time of meeting, make out a roll of Granges with their Masters and alternate delegates.

The Credentials Committee shall, before the opening of the Grange on the first day, examine the registration and if they find a quorum present, they shall so report at the opening of the Grange and shall from time to time during the session make additional reports as advisable.

Sec. 3. Order of Business. The order of business for each annual session shall be, as nearly as possible, as follows:

Opening 1st day in the 6th degree and lower to the 4th degree after report of the Credentials Committee. Each day thereafter, will open and close in the 4th degree.
During the session, the following items are recommended to be done:

1. Hear report of all Grange sponsored cooperatives.
2. Receive and act upon the Master's Address.
3. Have election of officers, when their term expires.
4. Receive and act upon reports of committees.
5. Junior Grange program.
6. Youth program.
7. Confer the 6th degree.

8. Memorial Service.
9. Install state officers.

ARTICLE VII -- RESOLUTIONS

Sec. 1. Resolutions in order to be presented to the State Grange Annual Session must:

- (a) be received by the State Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the annual session.
- (b) be typed or plainly written in ink on a separate sheet.
- (c) have a title which shall be in accord with the resolve, and
- (d) be signed by the Master and Secretary.

Sec. 2. Local or Obsolete Resolutions. The Executive Committee may delete any resolution from referral to the Annual Session that pertains to a local problem or has become obsolete. The title of all resolutions deleted, together with the name and number of the originating Grange and the action of the Executive Committee shall be with the resolutions. The originating Grange shall be notified as to this action of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 3. Emergency Resolutions. The Executive Committee may, if circumstances warrant, take immediate action to adopt any resolution. The title of all resolutions adopted, together with the name and number of the originating Grange and the action of the Executive Committee shall be included with the resolutions. The originating Grange shall be notified as to this action of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 4. Substituted or Consolidated Resolutions. The State Master, Executive Committee, or the committee concerned may prepare a substitute or may consolidate resolutions covering the same subject. The title of all resolutions substituted or consolidated, together with the name and number of the originating Grange and the action of the Executive Committee shall be included with the resolutions. The originating Grange shall be notified as to this action of the Executive Committee. All original resolutions, substituted or consolidated, shall be made available to the chairman of the session committee to which the substituted or consolidated resolution was referred.

Sec. 5. Referred Resolutions. All referred resolutions shall be given an appropriate number, place on the calendar by number, title, originating Grange and committee referred and shall bear, under the title, the following: "Unofficial - Not for Publication."

Sec. 6. Late Resolutions. Resolutions which are determined to be of an emergency nature, by the Executive Committee, may be introduced for reference by two thirds vote of the delegates voting. In any event this action shall not be later than noon of the second day of the Convention.

Sec. 7. Resolutions or motions of the State Grange affecting Grange laws or usages are not in force beyond the next session unless made a part of the Constitution or the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII -- POMONA GRANGES PREAMBLE

The organization of Pomona Grange is intended and designed to "strengthen, support and aid" the Subordinate or Fourth Degree Granges. While the beautiful and instructive lessons of this degree cannot fail to broaden the understanding and cultivate the moral and intellectual nature of

all who receive it, at the same time the knowledge and culture there gained should be used by every member of the Degree of Pomona to strengthen and advance the interests of the Subordinate Granges.

Pomona Granges should take special interest in assisting, supporting and aiding the business interests of the Order of Subordinate/Community Granges within their several districts. These interests are of vast importance, and daily growing in magnitude, requiring the best wisdom of those to whom they are entrusted.

Sec. 1. Organization. Charters for Pomona Granges shall be issued from the National Grange.

Applications for charters shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange and be signed by the persons applying for the same, and be accompanied by a fee of \$5. The number shall not be less than thirteen persons of whom there shall not be less than four of either sex. All shall be Fourth Degree members in good standing in the district or county where the Grange is to be organized.

Upon application being received and setting forth:

(a) That the Good of the Order required the organization of a Pomona Grange in the county or district.

(b) That a suitable room will be provided, with the necessary paraphernalia for the convenience and work in such degree; it shall be the duty of the Master of the State Grange to provide for the organization and instruction of such Grange in accordance with the ritual of the Fifth Degree, adopted by the National Grange.

On the receipt of the certificate from the officer or deputy perfecting the organization, a charter shall be issued in due form. The deputy or other officer, before completing the organization, shall see that the officers are duly elected and installed; and that the membership fees are paid to the Secretary of the new organization. He/she shall also instruct all officers in their several duties.

Sec. 2. Meetings. Pomona Granges shall meet at least once in each calendar quarter but may hold intermediate meetings.

Sec. 3. Members. Any Fourth-Degree member in good standing shall be eligible for membership in the Pomona Grange in whose jurisdiction he/she resides.

Sec. 4. Fees. The fee for an applicant shall not be less than \$1 but may otherwise be prescribed at a higher rate under the bylaws of the Pomona Grange.

Sec. 5. Election. On receiving an application for membership, the Pomona Grange, being satisfied that the applicant is worthy and eligible, may elect such applicant to membership by adopting a favorable report of its Credentials Committee.

Sec. 6. Officers. The officers of a Pomona Grange shall be of the same number, name, and rank as those of the State Grange. They shall be elected during the last quarter of the year, either annually or biennially, as determined by the Pomona bylaws, and installed at the same meeting or as soon thereafter as practical.

Election to office must be by written ballot but nominations may be made by the members if the Grange so chooses, but no nominating speeches may be made, and the nominations may not be closed. Any member may vote for anyone he/she desires whether nominated or not.

Sec. 7. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of Pomona Grange shall consist of three elective members and Master, Overseer, and Secretary, who shall be members ex officio. Of the elected members, one shall be elected each year to serve for a three-year term. The Treasurer shall not also serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 8. Reports.

(a) As soon as the election of officers takes place, the Secretary shall send the names of the officers, with post office address of each, to the State Secretary, and shall also report at once whenever any change occurs in any office. Granges failing to report by the first day of December of each year, the names and addresses of their officers will be left blank in the roster for the year.

(b) The Secretary shall report annually to the Secretary of the State Grange on blanks furnished therefore, giving the number of members in good standing and a list of members added to the rolls during the year. It shall be the duty of Pomona Secretaries to clear their rolls once each year, and report to the State Secretary on or before January 1st of each year.

Sec. 9. Installation of Officers. Any officer of the State Grange or any member of a Pomona Grange who has been a voting member of the State Grange may install the officers of a Pomona Grange.

Sec. 10. General.

(a) In the absence of the Master, the highest ranking officer of a Pomona Grange shall take his/her place and fill all vacancies by appointment.

(b) Each Pomona Grange shall appoint a press agent who shall furnish to the press, actions of the Grange which may properly be publicized.

(c) Pomona Grange shall open in the Fifth Degree but may hold sessions in the Fourth Degree to which all Fourth-Degree members may be admitted as visitors.

(d) All laws and rulings which relate to the jurisdiction of Subordinate Granges in the state shall, so far as practicable, apply to Pomona Granges.

(e) Sectarian, religious, and partisan political questions will not be tolerated as subjects of discussions in the Pomona Grange, and no religious or political test for members shall be applied.

Sec. 11. Discipline. The same rules of discipline in Subordinate Granges shall apply to Pomona Granges, except that their jurisdiction shall only apply to Fifth Degree members, against whom charges shall have been duly preferred, in accordance with the usage of the Order.

Sec. 12. Membership in Good Standing. To be members in good standing in a Pomona Grange, they must be in good standing in the Subordinate Grange. Members who drop their standing in the Subordinate Grange shall automatically lose their good standing in the Pomona Grange, provided that reinstatement in the Subordinate Grange shall automatically reinstate them in the Pomona Grange without vote of the Pomona. Members must remain in good standing to vote or hold office. It is further provided that, to facilitate the work of the Pomona Secretary, a list of Subordinate members in good standing in the various Subordinate Granges shall be furnished the Pomona Secretary by the Subordinate or State Grange Secretary.

Sec. 13. Affiliation. Inasmuch as the Fifth Degree is conferred at the State Grange, it is provided that such Fifth-Degree members shall be affiliated with the Pomona within whose jurisdiction his/her Subordinate is located.

Sec. 14. Pomona members who have or will demit or reinstate from any Subordinate Grange to any Washington State Subordinate Grange that is affiliated with a different Pomona Grange will automatically be transferred to the Pomona that their new Subordinate Grange is affiliated with, without vote of the new Pomona. The only exception being that they can retain their membership in the original Pomona, in a Washington State Pomona Grange, by writing a letter to both the Secretary of the original Pomona and to the Secretary of the Pomona whose jurisdiction their new Subordinate Grange is under, stating that he or she wishes to remain a Pomona member in the original Pomona.

Sec. 15. A Pomona Grange may organize members from the Junior Granges under its jurisdiction into an organization for Junior Grangers.

Sec. 16. Granges in Unorganized Counties. A Grange located in a county having no Pomona Grange and wishing to affiliate with a Pomona Grange in an adjoining county, shall first obtain the consent of the Executive Committee of the State Grange. Should said county afterward be organized, any Subordinate Grange holding membership in adjoining county or counties, may have its members of Pomona Grange transferred to the new Pomona without the payment of the usual fee.

Sec. 17. Bylaws. Each Pomona Grange may make such bylaws for its own government as it may deem best, but such bylaws must not conflict with the laws of the National Grange or the Constitution or Bylaws of the State Grange.

ARTICLE IX -- SUBORDINATE GRANGES

Sec. 1. Charters. Charters for Subordinate Granges shall be issued from the National Grange.

Sec. 2. Organization. Application for Charter shall be made to the Secretary of the National Grange and be signed by the persons applying for the same, accompanied by a fee of \$50. The number shall be not less than thirteen persons of whom there shall be not less than four of either sex.

Sec. 3. Individual Membership. The membership of Subordinate Granges shall be composed of persons interested in agricultural pursuits and having no interests in conflict with our purposes, of the age of fourteen years, duly proposed, elected, and complying with the rules and regulations of the Order, who shall be entitled to membership and the benefits of the degrees taken. Each application must be accompanied by the fee of membership, plus annual dues. If rejected, the

money will be refunded, and no petition shall be received from a rejected applicant until six months shall have elapsed after such rejection.

Applications must be certified by one member of the Grange to which application is directed and balloted for at a regular meeting. It shall require a simple majority of those voting.

At such time as an individual qualifies for the family membership the status of the member shall be changed to family membership with no interruption of their membership.

Sec. 4. Family Membership. A family whose members are fourteen years of age with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as candidates and elected to membership in a Subordinate Grange as follows:

(a) The process of election to membership and becoming a full member for all members of the family shall be the same as for an individual.

(b) A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.

(c) Family Memberships shall be available in all Granges under the jurisdiction of the Washington State Grange.

(d) The amount of dues for a family membership in a Subordinate Grange shall be two times the amount of the dues of an individual membership in the same Grange.

At such time as a member no longer qualifies as a dependent or becomes a single member the status of the member shall be as an individual with no interruption of their membership.

Sec. 5. Affiliate Member. A Fourth-Degree member may not be a member of more than one Subordinate Grange at the same time except that Fourth Degree members may be elected to membership in one additional Subordinate Grange as an Affiliate Member. A proposal for Affiliate Membership and election thereto shall be the same as that of a Regular member. Such Affiliate member shall pay the applicable dues and be entitled to hold office and vote in the additional Subordinate Grange, provided that Affiliate members are clearly designated as such in reports to the Secretary of the State Grange.

Sec. 6. Associate Member. A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an associate member. Such a member shall pay dues as prescribed below and be entitled to receive State Grange information, publications, and participate in State Grange services; provided, however, that associate members shall not be entitled to vote on matters of Grange policy or participate in National or State Grange sponsored contests that are designed for regular Grange members only.

An application for associate membership shall be received and voted upon the same as a regular member. The application for associate membership shall be accompanied by annual dues.

The associate member will not be required to appear in order to receive the four degrees or the Fourth-Degree obligation. The associate member is not eligible to take the Pomona, state, or national degrees or attend the meetings. The associate member, however, is subject to all laws, rules, and regulations as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the State and National Grange and may lose membership by suspension or expulsion.

The associate member except a business, may request to be received as a regular member in the Subordinate Grange and to receive the four degrees or the Fourth Degree obligation, and upon receiving them, the member will then be a regular member, having all the privileges and rights of a regular member and will pay regular dues, the regular dues starting as of January 1st of the next year after taking the degrees or obligation.

Sec. 7. Honorary Members. A Subordinate Grange may grant an honorary membership to any of its members for especially noteworthy or long continued service to the Order, under such rules as it may adopt in its bylaws. Provided, that the Subordinate Grange shall pay the usual State Grange dues upon honorary members as on other members; provided further, that golden sheaf members shall be relieved of all dues, local, state, and national as provided under Sections 6.6.3 and 8.6.1(A) Digest of Laws.

Honorary members shall have the right to vote, hold office, and any other privileges of membership so long as the Subordinate Grange maintains his/her state dues excepting Golden Sheaf members as provided hereinbefore in this section.

The State Grange shall use General Fund moneys to pay the National Grange Dues of Honorary Members who receive their Golden Sheaf after January 1, 2001.

Sec. 8. Life Membership. Any member in good standing of a Subordinate Grange may purchase a life membership therein through the State Grange sponsored Life Membership Plan (the "Plan") and thereby be relieved from further payment of dues, but not assessments. Provisions of the Plan are as follows:

- (a) The fee for a life membership shall not be less than \$500, regardless of age.
- (b) A Subordinate Grange may adopt a fee greater than the minimum specified above.
- (c) An applicant for a life membership may at his/her option, in order to enlarge his/her Subordinate Grange's participation in the income of the Life Membership Fund (the "Fund"), contribute a larger sum than is required.
- (d) All checks for life memberships should be made payable to the Washington State Grange, to avoid distorting a Subordinate Grange's financial account.
- (e) A Subordinate Grange may collect, and retain from each applicant for life membership, in addition to the fee thereof, his/her regular dues for the first year of enrollment in the Plan.
- (f) All sums received by Subordinate Granges for life memberships under the Plan shall be immediately transmitted to the State Secretary, who shall issue to each Grange a certificate declaring that each life membership fee is held by the Washington State Grange in trust pursuant to the terms of the Fund.

(g) The Subordinate Grange member paying the required fee shall receive immediately from the State Secretary a life membership certificate.

(h) The holder of a life membership certificate may voluntarily transfer to another Subordinate Grange in Washington, whereupon the State Secretary, upon notice thereof, shall transfer on the books of the Fund, so that the same is attributable to the new Subordinate Grange of membership, the fee received for the holder's life membership.

(i) All money in the Fund attributable to two or more Subordinate Granges which consolidate shall be combined and deemed attributable to the consolidated Subordinate Grange.

(j) A holder's life membership rights shall not be transferred if he/she demits to any other Subordinate Grange in another state. The fee paid for his/her life membership shall remain in the Fund and continue to be attributable to his/her former Subordinate Grange.

(k) Any income otherwise distributable hereunder to a Subordinate Grange which has dissolved, shall be added to the principal amount of the Fund as of December 31 except to the extent the holder of a life membership certificate in such dissolved Grange has affiliated with another Subordinate Grange in Washington prior to December 31, in which case, and to such extent, such income shall be distributable to such holder's new Subordinate Grange.

(l) The holder of a life membership certificate in a Subordinate Grange which becomes dissolved shall, upon affiliation with another Subordinate Grange in Washington, have his/her life membership transferred in the same manner as for a voluntary transfer.

(m) A Subordinate Grange may vote to purchase with its funds a life membership for one of its members, paying the fee specified.

(n) Memorial. An individual or Subordinate Grange may purchase in the name of a deceased Grange member or a deceased couple who were Grange members, a memorial certificate, at the minimum cost of \$200. This memorial fund will be included with, and handled the same as, the Life Memberships, except it can not be transferred to another Grange, unless the Grange combines.

(o) The holder of a life membership certificate is subject to all the laws, rules, and regulations as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of the National, State, Pomona, and Subordinate Granges, and loss of membership by suspension or expulsion shall automatically abrogate his/her life membership and any claim to any portion of any fee paid for such life membership. Notwithstanding this, the Subordinate Grange of which he/she was last a member shall continue to receive its distributable share of the income from the Fund.

Sec. 9. Election to Membership. All applications for membership shall be made on forms prescribed by the National Grange.

(a) When an application as provided in Section 3 shall have been received it shall be recorded and reported in open Grange. An application may be balloted upon at the same meeting at which it is received.

(b) An application may be withdrawn any time before the ballot thereon, but after election no application can be withdrawn except by a majority vote of those present. In either case the fee may be returned.

(c) A ballot must be taken upon the application, unless withdrawn. Election to membership shall be made by paper ballot (yes for acceptance; no for rejection) at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present and election to membership will thereby be made by majority of paper ballots cast. The Master will appoint at least two members to count the ballots and report the outcome to the Grange, stating only acceptance or rejection. A person once rejected cannot apply for membership in any Grange for six months thereafter.

(d) After an eligible candidate, except an associate member, has been legally elected he/she is entitled to initiation, and the degrees must be conferred unless objection is made, the nature of the objection stated and the objection sustained by a majority of the Grange; or an objection thereto in writing, signed by three members of the Grange, filed with the Secretary, which objection must state that the cause thereof has arisen since the date of the applicant's election.

(e) From and after the date of acceptance by ballot, all applications for membership except associate membership in any Subordinate Grange or Pomona Grange shall be held, pending initiation of the candidate, for a period not exceeding one year, at the end of which time said applicant shall be notified on formal notice that unless valid excuse for not having appeared is filed the application will be destroyed and its approval considered null and void and that the fee will be forfeited.

(f) In cases of two or more candidates, the ballot may be cast for the whole group. If the ballot fails, then each candidate must be voted upon separately.

Sec. 10. Fees.

(a) The regular membership fee in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than three dollars (\$3), nor more than twelve dollars (\$12) and shall be specifically fixed by the Subordinate bylaws, except Granges may lower the fee for Junior Grangers graduating into a Subordinate.

(b) The family membership fee in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than six dollars (\$6), nor more than twenty four dollars (\$24) and shall be specifically fixed by the local bylaws.

(c) The reinstatement fee in any Subordinate Grange shall be two dollars (\$2), provided one year has elapsed since the member was suspended for nonpayment of dues.

(d) The former member fee in any Subordinate Grange shall be one dollar (\$1).

Sec. 11. Dues.

(a) The regular dues in any Subordinate Grange shall not be less than \$30.00 per year plus the amount owed for National Grange dues. The dues of a regular member under the age of nineteen (19) for the Subordinate Grange shall not be less than the amount owed for National Grange dues. The family membership dues in any Subordinate Grange shall

not be less than \$60.00 per year plus the amount owed for National Grange dues. All dues shall be specifically fixed by the local bylaws. The associate member's dues in any Subordinate Grange shall be \$57.00 plus the amount owed for National Grange dues.

(b) All dues are payable in advance by the first of January. No regular member shall be entitled to receive the annual word whose dues are not paid to the end of the year in which the word is given.

(c) Teen membership (a regular member under the age of nineteen (19) of a Subordinate Grange) shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the member reaches the age of 19.

(d) Family membership dependency shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the family member dependent reaches the age of 23.

(e) A Subordinate Grange, by majority vote at a regular meeting, may suspend a member who is delinquent in the payment of dues for one quarter or more. Such action shall be taken upon report of the Secretary, showing the amount of the delinquency and showing the delinquent member has been contacted at least twice, with at least once being in writing, before the vote to suspend. The Secretary may read and the Grange may act upon a member's written request to be dropped from the rolls at any regular meeting.

Sec. 12. Suspended Members.

(a) A suspended member is not entitled to vote or hold office.

b) A suspended member may be reinstated within one year by a majority vote of the Grange by paying annual dues. The Grange will forward the back dues owed to the State Grange for proper distribution. After one year has elapsed, a member suspended for nonpayment of dues may apply for reinstatement in any Grange, such formal application to be accompanied by proof of former membership and a reinstatement fee of \$2.00, half of which shall be remitted to the State Grange plus annual dues. The vote shall be taken by paper ballot, and a majority vote of members present shall elect. Provided further, that this section shall not apply to members who have been indefinitely suspended after due trial for cause, the member having been convicted.

Sec. 13. Demits.

(a) A demit simply severs connections with the particular Grange to which the applicant was affiliated, still leaving him a member of the Order until the end of the calendar year, unless issued after October 1st, in which case it shall be valid for three months from the date of issue and shall show the date to which dues have been paid. A member holding an expired demit becomes a former member.

(b) A demit must be granted as a matter of right if the member making application for a demit is in good standing and has his/her dues paid to the end of the current year.

(c) Applications for demits must be made in writing at a regular meeting of the Grange, and if the fees and dues are paid, as required, and no charges preferred against the applicant, the Grange cannot legally refuse to grant the same.

(d) A demitted member cannot receive the Annual Word except by virtue of holding a traveler's card. While holding a demit, he/she cannot receive any degree instructions. Members who have affiliated with a Grange by application and presentation of the demit held by him, under the form prescribed by the National Grange law, shall have all the rights and privileges of Grange membership. The method of election shall be by paper ballot, majority elects or rejects.

Demitting members do not pay an initiation fee or take the obligation. The receiving Grange may make requisition on the issuing Grange for any unearned dues from the beginning of the quarter next succeeding the acceptance of the demit.

(e) Charges may be preferred against a member of the Order holding a demit, by any member in good standing, and the Grange having jurisdiction must try the case and declare a verdict.

(f) Members of the Order holding demits shall be known as unaffiliated members during the life of the demit. Upon the expiration of the demit or failure to rejoin, they shall be known as former members.

(g) Former members may, upon application, accompanied by proof of previous membership, and the payment of the prescribed fee, be admitted to membership in any Subordinate Grange, by a majority vote of the Grange.

Sec. 14. Traveling Cards. Traveling cards shall be issued upon request and in accordance with the Digest.

Sec. 15. Divulging Action of Grange. No member or visitor shall divulge improperly the rejection of a candidate under penalty to members of suspension; or to visitors of not being allowed to again visit the Grange and being reported to the Grange in which they belong. It shall be the duty of the Master to read this section immediately after the rejection of a candidate.

Sec. 16. Meetings.

(a) A regular meeting is any meeting fixed by the bylaws of the Grange. A Grange must hold at least one regular meeting each month. The bylaws must fix definitely the day and hour for all regular meetings.

(b) Special meetings may be called by the Master with concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee or by vote of the Grange for special purposes named in the call and no business can be legally transacted thereat unless so specified in the call.

Sec. 17. Quorum. Eight members shall constitute a quorum. No Grange can be opened in due form with less, but a lesser number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is present.

Sec. 18. Election and Installation.

(a) The officers of a Subordinate Grange shall be of the same number, name, and rank as those provided for in the State Grange. The Treasurer shall not also serve as a member of the Executive Committee.

(b) The election of officers shall take place at a regular meeting during October or November, either annually or biennially. Election to office must be by ballot, but nominations may be made from the floor if the Grange so desires. No nominating speeches may be made and the nominations shall not be closed. Any member may vote for anyone he/she desires whether nominated or not.

(c) The installation of officers shall take place at the first regular meeting in December, or as soon thereafter as practicable, provided that the newly elected officers shall assume their respective offices on the first meeting in January of the new year.

Sec. 19. Duties of Officers. The duties of the officers of a Subordinate Grange are defined by the ritual and constitution of the Order, the digest of the National Grange, and the bylaws of the State Grange. The bylaws of the Subordinate Grange must not conflict therewith.

(a) The Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grange and conduct the same to the best of his/her ability, under the rules of the order and general parliamentary laws. He/she shall open and close the meetings in due form, and decide all questions arising in the Grange, subject to appeal. He/she shall also see that all reports required by the State Grange from his/her Grange are promptly made. At the close of his/her term of office, the Master shall make an annual report, recapitulating the work of the past year, and recommending measures for the year to come.

(b) The Overseer shall assist the Master in his/her duties, and in his/her absence shall take the Master's place and duties.

(c) Lecturer. It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to have charge of the literary exercises of the Grange; to provide useful information to be read or distributed among the members; to prepare literary programs and appoint members for special literary work, and perform all other duties required by the ritual and laws of the Order. The Lecturer shall also report to the Lecturer of the State Grange, upon blanks provided for that purpose, giving full information in regard to the work that is being carried on in his/her Grange.

(d) The Steward has charge of the inner gate, in which as in all other duties, he/she is assisted by the Assistant Stewards.

(e) Secretary. The Subordinate Secretary shall notify each member of the amount of the annual dues to be paid not less than 30 days, nor more than 60 days prior to January 1st of each year.

The Secretary of each Subordinate Grange shall report to the Secretary of the State Grange promptly at the end of each quarter, on forms supplied by the state office, the number and names of all members admitted or lost for any reason during such a quarter. He/she shall pay to the Secretary of the State Grange a fee of \$2.00 for each member voted into membership as a regular or associate member; and a fee of \$4.00 for each new family membership.

The Subordinate Secretary shall also pay to the Secretary of the State Grange quarterly dues of; \$7.50 for each regular member, plus National Grange dues; \$15.00 for each family membership, plus National Grange dues; \$8.00 for each associate member, plus

National Grange dues; or National Grange dues for each regular member under the age of nineteen (19).

The report of the Secretary must have the approval of the Master of the Subordinate Grange.

Each Secretary shall also report on or before the first day of December of each year, to the Secretary of the State Grange, the names and addresses of all officers elected, using the form provided for the regular election, and reporting also any elections held to fill vacancies caused by any reason. He/she shall also report other information requested. Granges failing to report by the above date, names and addresses of officers will be left blank in the roster for the year.

The Secretary shall cooperate at all times, so far as possible, with the Secretary of the State Grange and the Secretary of the Pomona Grange within whose jurisdiction his/her Grange may be located.

The Secretary is the custodian of the seal of the Grange and is responsible for its use and safe keeping. It must never be used for private or individual purposes. In case his/her Grange becomes inactive, he/she shall return the seal, charter, manuals, records, and all properties including moneys, to the Secretary of the State Grange, who shall care for them in trust as provided under National Grange Law.

The Secretary of the Grange should immediately report to the Secretary of each neighboring Grange every instance of suspension or expulsion of a member who has been tried or convicted upon charges; and in case of removal of the member, the Grange nearest his/her new residence should be notified.

Sec. 20 – Delinquent Granges

- (a) Subordinate Granges are to report and pay dues to the State Grange on a quarterly basis. In case the dues and/or reports remain delinquent two quarters, the State Master with the advice of the Executive Committee may place the delinquent Grange on "probation".
- (b) Written notification will be provided to the Subordinate Grange when the probationary status is implemented and when the probationary status is lifted.
- (c) If the dues of a Grange are delinquent two quarters at the time dues notices are to be sent, the annual dues for that Subordinate Grange will be sent directly to the State Grange, and held until all reports become current, and all bills owed by that Subordinate Grange to the State Grange have been paid.
- (d) Interest at 3% or \$10 minimum per month may be charged on the amount of late dues on all Subordinate Granges that are delinquent in the payment of their quarterly dues.
- (e) If annual dues are collected by the Washington State Grange a \$5 charge will be assessed per member.

- (f) A Grange whose charter is in the probationary status may petition the State Grange for reinstatement.

Sec. 21. Bylaws. Each Subordinate Grange may make such bylaws for its own government as it may deem best, but such bylaws must not conflict with the laws of the National Grange or the Constitution or Bylaws of the State Grange.

Sec. 22. Vacancies. Should any office become vacant, it shall be filled by election at a subsequent meeting. Any member in good standing in the Fourth Degree may be elected to fill the vacancy as provided by National Grange Law.

Sec. 23. Appeal. Any member of a Subordinate Grange has the right to appeal the decision of the Master to the Grange, but if the Grange sustains the Master, no appeal to the State Grange can be taken. If the Grange does not sustain the Master, he/she (the Master) may appeal such decision of the Grange; or if the Master refuses to obey the decision of the Grange, the Grange may by a majority vote appeal such action to the Master of the State Grange.

During the pendency of any appeal, the decision of the Master is supreme law of the Grange and is to be respected as such until the same has been overruled by the Master of the State Grange.

Sec. 24. Trials. All trials shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Grange, but no charges may be brought into any Grange in this State, against any member of the Order, until all other possible means have been used to settle the difficulty.

Sec. 25. Claims. No claim against a Grange will be allowed or paid unless the same be presented for audit or payment within one year from the time the same shall have accrued.

ARTICLE X -- JUNIOR GRANGES

Sec. 1. Organization. Junior Granges may be organized within the jurisdiction of the State Grange by the State Master or by someone designated by him under such regulations as the State Grange may provide. They shall not conflict with the Constitution, rules, and regulations of the National Grange. Each Junior Grange shall be within the jurisdiction of a Grange, whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable meeting place and such equipment as may be necessary.

Sec. 2. Membership.

(a) Children of all persons eligible to membership in a Subordinate Grange, over five and under fourteen years of age, are eligible to join a Junior Grange. The rejection or undesirability of an eligible parent will not affect the eligibility of a child to join a Junior Grange.

(b) If no Junior Grange is available, an individual between five and fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected an individual Junior member of a Subordinate/Community Grange pursuant to 4.6.2 of the National Digest of Laws.

(c) Junior Grange membership shall terminate when the Junior member reaches age 14, provided, however, that an officer of a Junior Grange who turns 14 shall be permitted to remain a member until the expiration of their term of office.

(d) Honorary Membership. When members attain the age of fourteen years, they cease to be regular members and become honorary members without fee, but may be required to pay dues provided they affiliate with some Subordinate Grange. Patrons of Husbandry may become honorary members by paying the regular fee and on receiving such other instructions as to enable them to enter a Junior Grange. They shall be required to pay dues as prescribed in Article X, Section 4, of these bylaws.

Sec. 3. Fees.

(a) The membership fee shall be one dollar. The minimum admission fee for former members shall be ten cents.

(b) Junior and honorary Junior members in good standing are entitled to attend any Junior ceremonial. Applicants for honorary membership shall pay the membership fee of one dollar for which a receipt shall be issued before the Junior degree work is conferred on them.

Fourth Degree members may attend the Junior ceremonial by payment of a ten-cent fee to the sponsoring Grange for each Junior ceremonial attended. The fee shall be used exclusively for the Junior Grange program.

Sec. 4. Dues. Minimum annual dues shall be \$2. Junior Granges may require dues from their honorary members.

Sec. 5. Officers. The officers of a Junior Grange shall consist of and rank as follows: Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, Assistant Steward, Lady Assistant Steward, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Gatekeeper, Ceres, Pomona and Flora. They shall be elected annually in the same manner as in Subordinate Granges and continue in office until their successors are elected and installed. The Subordinate Grange shall select a Leader to supervise the work of the Junior Grange.

Sec. 6. Duties of Officers. It shall be the duty of the Master to preside at all meetings of the Grange. He/she shall preserve order, exercise kindness to all, rule impartially, and thus command a willing obedience to rules of the Grange.

It shall be the duty of the Overseer to assist the Master at all times necessary and to assume the Master's duties in his/her absence.

It shall be the duty of the Lecturer to arrange and conduct the literary work of the Junior Grange, under the supervision of the Leader.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to guard the inner gate and report all signals to the Overseer. He/she shall permit none to enter unless duly qualified. His/her emblem of office is a dark red rod.

It shall be the duty of the Assistant and Lady Assistant Stewards to assist the Steward and arrange the hall under his/her supervision. They shall have charge of the wardrobe, emblems, and other articles used in the conduct of the Grange. They shall make examination at the opening of the Grange, collect the manuals, regalia, and other properties at the close of the Grange. They shall conduct the candidates in initiation and act as marshals on public occasions. Their emblems shall be dark red rods.

The duties of the Chaplain are indicated in the manual.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of, and keep safely, the funds of the Grange, issuing a receipt to the Secretary for the same. He/she shall pay money out only on written orders signed by both the Master and Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a careful and complete record of all the proceedings of the Grange, receiving the fees and dues of the members, deposit the same with the Treasurer, taking and preserving his/her receipt therefor. He/she shall also send an annual report giving the name(s) of any member(s) added or lost during the year to the State Grange Secretary on forms provided.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to send in a list of officers to the State Grange Secretary on or before the first day of December of each year. Granges failing to report by above date, names and addresses will be left blank in the roster for the year.

It shall be the duty of the Gatekeeper to guard the outer gate. The emblem of his office shall be a dark red rod.

The official duties of Ceres, Pomona, and Flora are indicated chiefly in the initiation work of the Junior Grange. They shall cooperate with other officers at all times.

The Leader has general supervision over the Junior Grange, assisting the officers and caring for the welfare and comfort of the members. The Leader shall take special care that the annual report of the Secretary shall be forwarded to the State Grange office.

The Leader shall select his or her own assistant.

Sec. 7. Officer's Regalia. The proper regalia for Junior Grange officers shall consist of a collar made of dark red velvet trimmed with gold braid. The collar shall be not more than one yard long, not more than two inches at its narrowest part, and not more than three inches at the widest part, fastened with a hook and eye at a point making the inner line of the collar not more than 27 inches in length. From the point of fastening, the collar shall flare on straight lines to the outer edges, finishing in two points. Officers' initial letter shall be embroidered in gold.

Sec. 8. General Regulations. A Junior Grange will take the same name as the Grange to which it is attached but will be numbered in order in which it is organized.

An inactive Junior Grange may be reorganized by the State Master or by someone delegated by him, when less than thirteen of the old members desire to do so, by admitting a sufficient number of others eligible to become members, residing within the jurisdiction of such Grange.

New members shall be obligated and instructed in the same manner as at an organization of a new Grange when taken into the reorganization of an inactive Grange.

The minimum number of members for reorganization of a Grange shall be thirteen.

Granges that have failed to submit annual reports for two or more years are considered inactive Granges and may be reorganized in the same manner. The organizing officer shall forward the

same blanks containing a list of officers and members, as required upon organization of a new Grange.

Charters shall be issued by the National Grange and signed by the Master and Secretary of the State Grange. The ritualistic work shall be the same as prescribed by the National Grange.

In all matters not herein provided, the Junior Grange must be governed by the rules and bylaws of the Grange under which jurisdiction it is organized.

A Pomona Grange may organize members from the Junior Granges under its jurisdiction into an organization for Junior Grangers.

ARTICLE XI -- AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1. The provisions of these bylaws may be changed, provided the proposed change is not in conflict with National Grange Law, upon written notice giving full text of amendment in proper legislative markup style, (~~deleted text struck through~~ and new text underlined) introduced in the State Grange in annual session, at least six hours prior to its consideration, upon a two-thirds vote of the members voting, provided, that the total number voting upon an amendment shall be not less than two-thirds of the registered delegates.

Sec. 2. Any proposed amendment can be amended on the floor by one or more amendments, but if amended, final action on the amended amendment shall be deferred for not less than six hours.

Sec. 3. All proposed amendments shall be printed and presented to the delegates before action is taken on the proposed amendments.

Sec. 4. The State Secretary shall send the text of all changes to the bylaws to each Subordinate and Pomona Grange after the State Grange session.



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